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Byju Raveendran

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT ORDERS BYJU'S TO PAY $1 BN TO DEBTORS

A US court has ordered Byju Raveendran to pay back default amount of $1.16 billion to BYJU's Alpha and US-based lender GLAS Trust LLC

'OWNER FAILED TO COMPLY WITH ORDERS'

The Delaware Bankruptcy Court found that Raveendran failed to comply with its discovery order and continued to be evasive on several occasions. BYJU's Alpha was incorporated when Raveendran was running the management of edtech firm Think and Learn Private Limited. The judgment follows a dispute between Byju's and US based lenders

'NOT ALLOWED TO PRESENT VALID DEFENCE'

- The court said it found Raveendran's behaviour had a strategic pattern of willful failure to comply with its orders
- Raveendran's counsel said it is a default judgment, meaning the court issued it without Byju being permitted to present its defence, and instead deprived Byju of a valid defence

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A DAY IS PENALTY THAT RAVEENDRAN PAYS TO THE U.S. COURT

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50p per kid/day for veggies! That's what Anganwadis get

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Ramanagara (Bengaluru South)

"WE have 11 children at our centre and the government gives us 50 paise per child per day for vegetables which translates to Rs 5.50 per day for our centre. What can we possibly buy with this amount? Forget vegetables, we cannot even afford chillies, lemons, or coriander leaves," said Geetha (name changed), an Anganwadi worker at a village in Ramanagara.

The price of an egg too is fixed at Rs 6, while it varies time to time. "Eggs sometimes cost Rs 7.50 per egg and we have been told to give eggs twice a week. But the government won't bear the additional cost. The money is released once every three months," she said.

Anganwadis were started across the country in 1975 under the Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) to combat malnutrition among children, expecting mothers and also new mothers. In Karnataka, a pilot project started at T Narasipura taluk in Mysuru with 100 Anganwadis. Today, the state has 69,919 centres, where over 1.2 lakh people are employed as workers and cooks. These centres benefit over 40 lakh children and mothers.

Over the years, the workers have been provided with initiatives and also given many responsibilities.

As Anganwadis celebrate 50 years, *The New Sunday Express* checked the status of these centres, workers and facilities.

"Earlier, we were given green gram, jaggery, varieties of dals, groundnut and other items that helped us make food tasty and healthy. But now, it is limited to rice, tur dal and wheat courses along with milk powder and eggs," Geetha said.

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An Anganwadi centre on the outskirts of Bengaluru | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

DRONE DROPS

Global arms trafficking module tied to ISI busted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DELHI Police's Crime Branch has busted an international arms trafficking module allegedly linked to ISI-backed arms network with the arrest of four people. They recovered high end Turkiye (PX-5.7) and China (PX-3) made weapons smuggled from Pakistan through drones.

Ten foreign made semi-automatic pistols along with 92 live cartridges were also seized. The seized weapon PX-5.7 is only used by Special Forces.

Police said they got a tip-off on November 19 on a cross-border arms trafficking module involved in supplying sophisticated illegal weapons in Delhi/NCR. It was found that they would come to Rohini to deliver the arms consignment.

A trap was laid in Rohini Sector-28 and four people were apprehended with foreign-made semi-automatic pistols and live cartridges, DCP (Crime) Sanjeev Kumar Yadav said. Those arrested are Mandeep Singh (38) Dalvinder Kumar (34), both residents of Punjab; Rohan Tomar (30) and Ajay (37).

The module was involved in smuggling weapons using drones. Yadav said the consignment is dropped at locations near the border, where receivers on the Indian side retrieve them. The network relies on local collaborators who monitor police movement, facilitate pickups, and transport it to safe houses. Payments are routed through hawala channels.

PM Modi @G20: Let's weaken the drug-terror link

Proposes knowledge repository, Africa skills multiplier; global healthcare response team

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday called for a coordinated global push to dismantle the drug–terror nexus, strengthen health-emergency responses, creation of a Global Traditional Knowledge Repository and accelerate skills development across Africa, in his address to world leaders at the 20th G20 Summit in Johannesburg on Saturday.

In a warning on the rise of lethal synthetic drugs, Modi said: "To overcome the challenge of drug trafficking, especially the spread of substances like fentanyl, India proposes a G20 Initiative on Countering the drug–terror nexus. Let us weaken the wretched drug-terror economy."

The proposed platform, he said would integrate finance, governance and security tools to choke networks that channel narcotics revenue into global terrorism. Further, the PM called for creation of a G20 Global Healthcare Response Team, designed for rapid deployment during natural disasters and public-health emergencies.

"We are stronger when we work together in the face of health emergencies and natural disasters," he said. With Africa hosting the G20 Summit for the first time, Modi said "Now is the right moment for us to revisit our development parameters and focus on growth that is inclusive and sustainable." India also proposed a G20-Africa Skills Multiplier Initiative, aimed at creating 1 million certified trainers in Africa within the next decade.

We're stronger when we work together in the face of health emergencies and disasters

Narendra Modi, On setting up of a global healthcare response team

The G20 leaders also adopted a joint declaration addressing terrorism and climate change and broader global challenges on the opening day of the summit. The document was finalised without the US.

Earlier, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa welcomed Modi at the Summit venue with a 'namaste'. Modi was seen interacting informally with global leaders such as UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres among others.

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THIRD SHORTEST IN ASHES...

Australian batter Travis Head's 69-ball century helped them beat England within two days in the first Ashes Test in Perth | AFP | P13

UNDER-17 PALESTINIAN TEAM

OF SEEKING SOLACE AND FINDING JOY IN FOOTBALL

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

ON Saturday evening, as the U17 Palestinian men's football team held on to a 1-1 draw against India U17 at the EKA Arena in Ahmedabad, in the AFC U17 Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers tournament, they walked off the field with their heads held high. The result may not be what they wanted, but for them reaching Ahmedabad and taking the field itself was a struggle.

Amidst the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine over the last two years or so, sport had taken a backseat. For this team, the preparation had been far from ideal. They did not win any matches at the the West Asian Football Federation's (WAFF) U17 Championship last month.

Out of 23 total players selected, 18 were from West Bank, but only 11 from the region turned up. Several players had their lives uprooted and displaced because of the conflict, losing their documents in the process. Mohammed Joma Suleiman, the team manager, claimed that bringing in the players with Palestinian roots from other countries to their homeland proved to be a big hindrance. "Because of the current situation, we could not bring players to train together, and our preparation was not that good," Suleiman told this daily. "There is a player from Gaza, we cannot bring anyone from Gaza also because of the war and the genocide is happening there (Israel have repeatedly denied any and all accusations of genocide)," he added.

For the team, football is a way of resistance and bringing joy to the kids back home. "They know what it means to carry the Palestinian flag on their crests. Since the start, they know this is a mission and this way, they can share the happiness to Palestinian kids," said Suleiman.

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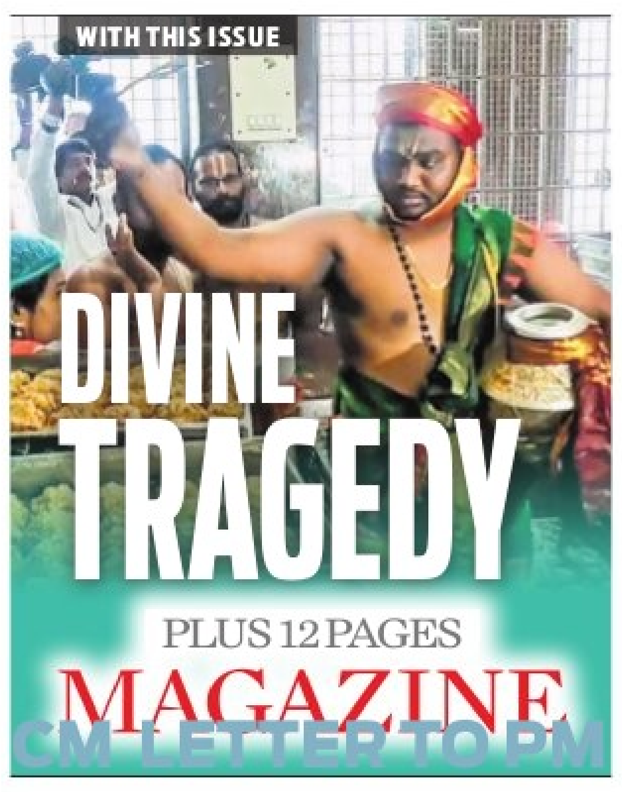
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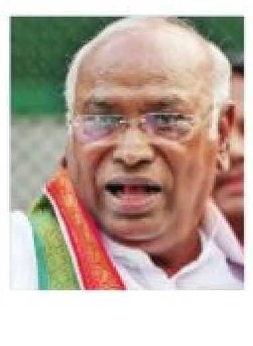
Will adhere to top brass order, Siddu after Kharge meet

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

AMID intense speculation and swift political developments over change in leadership and a cabinet reshuffle, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah met AICC President Mallikarjuna Kharge at the latter's residence here late on Saturday evening.

The duo held one-on-one talks and Kharge is likely to inform LOP in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi of the outcome, to take a final call. Rahul, who is abroad, will be returning to Delhi after November 28, according to sources. Any decision on change in leadership or cabinet reshuffle is unlikely anytime soon, according to sources. Siddaramaiah, who has been asserting at public meetings that he will be CM for five years and will present the next budget, looked visibly mellowed after meeting Kharge.



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SIR FALLOUT

Alleged Bangladeshi infiltrators wait to return home, following the special intensive revision (SIR) of poll rolls in North 24 Parganas, West Bengal on Saturday | PTI

EXPRESS READ

K'taka now ranks third in fish production: CM

BENGALURU: Karnataka now ranks third in the country in fish production. India's share of global fish production is about 7.7% and ranks fourth in exports, CM Siddaramaiah said while speaking at 'Matsya Mela 2025' to mark World Fisheries Day in Bengaluru on Satuday **P5**

Was ready to make you CM, Gowda tells Siddu

BENGALURU: JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda said he was ready to make Siddaramaiah the CM in the past, but Sonia Gandhi chose Dharam Singh. He was reacting to Siddaramaiah's recent statement that he would never have become CM if he had remained in JDS **P4**

NUCLEAR SECTOR TO OPEN FOR PRIVATE PLAYERS

A bill seeking to open the civil nuclear sector for private players is among the 10 proposed legislations listed for introduction in the winter session of Parliament, beginning December 1 | **P9**

ICAR gags scientists after row over performance of two new GE rice varieties

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) is evolving organisational guidelines for scientists after a recent controversy over data related to genome-edited (GE) rice varieties.

These guidelines restrict scientists from sharing their research findings with the media and journals, this newspaper has learnt. They also direct scientists to avoid publishing any research papers in international journals until they are fully confident about their findings.

It all began after the government on May 4 announced the release of two GE rice lines developed by ICAR — Pusa DST-1 and DRR Dhan 100 (Kamala), which it said "have the potential to bring about revolutionary changes in terms of higher production, climate adaptability, and water conservation". Agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan hailed the effort.

Developing two new GE varieties is an exceptional achievement of ICAR

Shivraj Chauhan

But a platform of scientists, farmer leaders, medical experts, consumer rights activists, and members of the Coalition for a GM-Free India rubbished the claim, citing data mined from ICAR's own All India Coordinated Research Project on Rice for 2023 and 2024. The Coalition said ICAR's own limited data didn't support its published report. ICAR pushed back with a point-by-point rebuttal.

"Seeking research credits, scientists are always in a rush to get their works published, which sometimes are not backed by robust data," said a scientist. "The new fiat will lead to fewer publication of research papers. But it will enhance credibility."

CASH HEIST

Gang in debt planned robbery, ₹6.29cr recovered

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

A gang of unemployed men trapped in debt, mostly due to gambling, sought the help of a current Cash Management Services (CMS) staffer, a former CMS staffer and a police constable, who were also facing financial problems, to execute the biggest daylight heist in the city. They had planned the heist for more than three months, making thorough preparations and avoiding all digital footprints during the post-crime movement of cash.

Annappa Naik, Xavier and Gopi

To ensure the plan succeeded, the gang conducted a recce and communicated in multiple languages to avoid attracting police attention.

However, a team of 200 police personnel cracked the case in 54 hours, arresting six accused and recovering Rs 6.29 crore of the Rs 7.11crore stolen. A search is continuing for three accused who are absconding. The arrested accused have been identified as Gopi (36), a fleet manager with CMS; Xavier (35), a former CMS employee; Annappa Naik, a police constable attached to Govindapura police station in East Division; Ravi, son of an ex-serviceman and the alleged mastermind and operational team head, and his associates Naveen and Nelson. Ravi's brother, who was also involved in the crime, is currently absconding.

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Many of the accused are from same locality and had planned the heist in coordination with CMS staff and the police constable in an attempt to "settle their lives"

Source

The cash recovered from the accused, in Bengaluru | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

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- **Sunday:** 23.11.2025 • **Year:** Vishwavasu • **Ayana:** Dakhsinayana
- **Ritu:** Himanth • **Masa:** Margasira • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Thrutheeya 4.16 pm
- **Nakshatra:** Moola 5.29 pm • Moon in Makara Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
- **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER

MIN 19°C | MAX 28°C

FORECAST Overcast

Sunrise	06.22 am
Sunset	05.50 pm
Moonrise	08.49 am
Moonset	08.15 pm

All for a noble cause!

PICS: EXPRESS

Members of Mysuru-based Ananya are on a mission to beautify government schools in tribal areas of HD Kote and Hunsur taluks

> **Beautifying government schools in forest areas is a major challenge. We have to live there for several days without proper electricity and drinking water. We frequently encounter wild animals on the way to schools in the forests. But tribal people ensure our safety and make us feel at home**
>
> **– N Santhosh Kumar, NSS officer**

BK LAKSHMIKANTHA @ Mysuru

INSPIRED by 'Divine Star' Rishab Shetty's Kannada movie 'Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shaale, Kasargod', enthusiastic members of Ananya, a Mysuru-based voluntary organisation, have launched a unique mission of beautifying government schools in the tribal areas of HD Kote and Hunsur taluks in Mysuru district.

Members of Ananya are also volunteers of the National Service Scheme (NSS) of JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Mysuru. Led by NSS officer N Santhosh Kumar, they launched the mission after watching the movie that hit the screens in 2018. They have painted and decorated several government schools in the remote tribal hamlets.

Leveraging his position as an NSS officer, Santhosh formed Ananya and got its members trained by renowned terracotta artist Swamy. Ananya launched its first project at Kuthavadi B Haadi in Hunsur taluk. It gave a facelift to the government school there, which was in a bad shape. The project was funded solely by members of Ananya.

After the success of this project, Ananya decided to "adopt" government schools in tribal hamlets. Apart from painting and decorating the schools, it started providing them notebooks, textbooks, computers, printers and smart TVs. Members of Ananya also planted fruit-bearing saplings on the premises of government schools.

Ananya organises cleanliness drives, conducts computer training, spoken English and yoga classes for tribal children, and distributes sanitary pads to girl students. These efforts of Ananya have not only helped in improving infrastructure in government schools, but also the student enrolment rate.

The organisation has developed government schools at Kuthavadi, Devagahalli, Basavanahalli, Asavalu, Kudineeru Muddanahalli, Hosapura, Sanjeeva Nagara, Devalapura and Ambedkar Nagara in Hunsur taluk, Manti Haadi, Padukote Haadi, and Chamanahalli Hundi in HD Kote taluk, and Santhe Kesalagere in Mandya taluk.

Santhosh told *TNSE* that Ananya selects two or three schools at a time for development.

"Gaddige Temple is our base. We chose schools close to the temple. The temple administration supports us with food and accommodation. We approach philanthropists for funds as painting a small school costs around Rs 40,000. Maja Talkies' creative director Tejaswi supports us financially," he said. This year, Ananya completed work on schools at Asavalu, Hosapura, Kudineeru Muddanahalli and Manti Haadi. The government school at Singanamarahalli in Hunsur taluk, which houses primary and high school sections, will be given a facelift in December or January, Santhosh said.

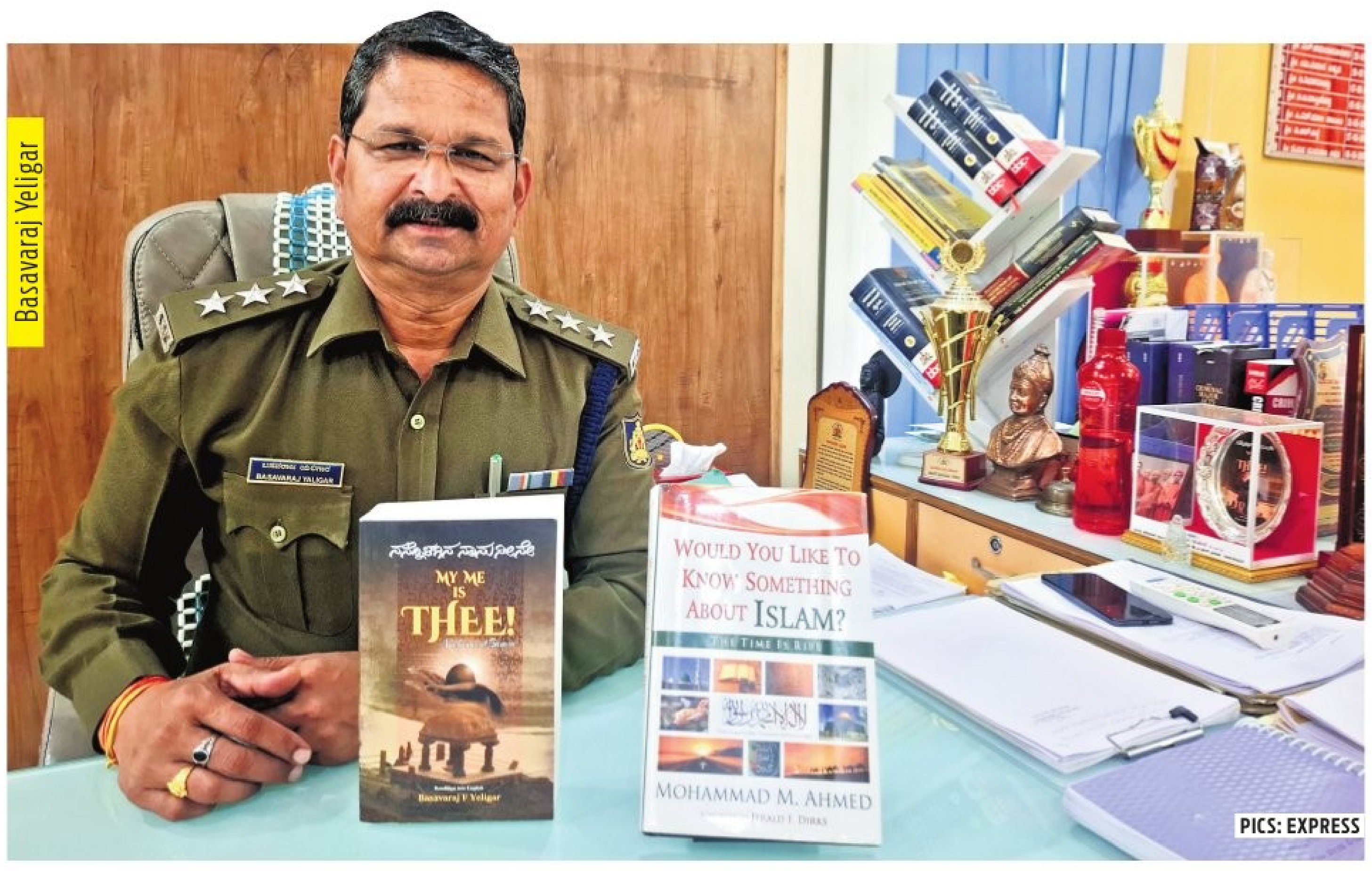
Around 50 volunteers work in batches of 10 to 15 members during weekends or holidays. "Working in such schools is a major challenge as they are either on the fringes of the forests or inside them. We lived in Manti Haadi for five days without proper electricity and drinking water. We could charge our phones only for two hours a day and had to depend on a borewell for water. We were scared of wild animals, but tribal people lived with us in the school and ensured our safety," he said.

Santhosh's initiative has received appreciation from several non-governmental agencies, well-known personalities, including actor and director Rishab Shetty.

Personality development

NSS officer N Santhosh Kumar said Ananya's activities help its members develop communication, problem-solving and leadership skills. "They also gain self-confidence and inculcate a strong sense of civic and social responsibility. Many of my students, who now work in various sectors, continue with social service in their respective areas," he said.

SHRAMADHAN As part of their Shramadhan initiative, Santhosh and his friends have cleaned the banks of the Lakshmana Theertha river near KS Gaddige, the steps leading to the Chamundi Hills, Surya Narayana Temple, Gaddige Temple in Mysuru, KSRTC bus stand at Kuttawadi, the banks of the Kapila in Nanjangud, Vivekananda Girijana Kendra and Kannada Sahitya Parishat buildings, and Shiva Temple in Mysuru. They have also cleaned Manti Haadi, Kuttawadi, Basavanahalli, Devagahalli and APMC Bandipalya Junction. Ananya has planted more than 1,000 saplings on the premises of the 'adopted' schools and at KS Gaddige, Kuttawadi, Manti Haadi, Aswalu, Basavanahalli, Devagahalli, and surrounding areas of Mysuru.



Basavaraj Yeligar
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MOHAMMAD M. AHMED

PICS: EXPRESS

An officer on write track

FIROZ ROZINDAR @Vijayapura

FOR Deputy Superintendent of Police Basavaraj Yeligar, every spare minute is an opportunity to immerse himself in the world of Vachanas, the 12th-century poetic compositions that form the foundation of the Lingayat spiritual tradition.

Whether travelling from his Solapur Road office to the Deputy Commissioner's office or attending meetings at the Zilla Panchayat, Yeligar uses his short commute time to continue his translation work.

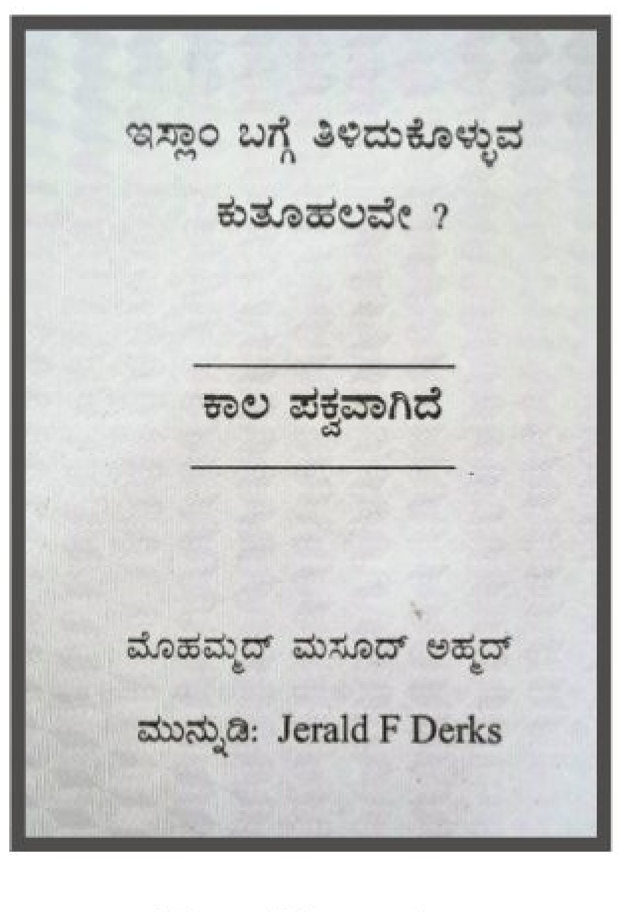
What may seem like a rushed 10-minute drive to others becomes a brief yet valuable window for him to engage in what he truly loves: bringing the wisdom of Basaveshwara and other saints to readers through English translations.

"Finding time during duty hours is difficult. So, whenever I am travelling or waiting, I try to use that time productively. Translating Vachanas gives me immense joy," he says.

At 54, Yeligar has already earned recognition beyond his policing career. His recently released book, My Me is Thee, which contains English translations of 959 Vachanas of Basaveshwara, has gone into print three times, with nearly 3,000 copies already in circulation.

Born in Naragund in Gadag district, Yeligar completed his primary schooling in his hometown before moving to Mudhol in Bagalkot district for his SSLC. He later pursued a Bachelor's degree in Arts from Dharwad. He started his career as a First Division Clerk at the Agriculture College in Dharwad. After clearing the PSI exam, he joined the police force. Today, he serves as the DSP of Vijayapura.

Yeligar traces his writing skills to his childhood. His father used to ask Basavaraj to help him with drafting land records or financial transaction documents for villagers. "I was developing writing habits from my school days. It later played a major role in shaping my literary work," he recalls.



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> For Deputy Superintendent of Police Basavaraj Yeligar, bringing the wisdom of Basaveshwara and other saints to readers through English translations is a labour of love

His family used to visit the Allamaprabhu Mutt in Naragund. The Mutt served as a centre for the study of Vachanas, secular principles, and harmony among communities.

"The Mutt played a crucial role in shaping my affinity toward Vachanas and nurturing my secular outlook. Many rituals were performed by Muslims, and people of different communities came together," he says.

Yeligar tried translating the couplets of Shishunal Sharif, a revered saint-poet of North Karnataka, while serving at Chikodi in Belagavi district. He later translated a general non-fiction work titled, 'Deluge of Drought – Who is Responsible?, which explored Karnataka's recurring cycles of droughts and floods.

In 2021, Yeligar began translating the Vachanas of Basaveshwara into English. It took him nearly four years to complete the 808-page volume.

He had previously read several English translations of Vachanas, but felt something lacking in them. "I never felt satisfied with the translations I read. They did not capture the sacredness and philosophical richness of Basavanna's words. I wanted to fill that gap," he says.

Understanding old Kannada was no easy task, as Vachanas often contain layers of symbolism, analogy, and philosophical depth. To achieve accuracy, Yeligar consulted several seers, scholars, and experts in historical Kannada literature. He also studied books by the late scholar M M Kalburgi and other eminent researchers.

Yeligar has now undertaken the translation of Vachanas written by the saint-poet Akkamahadevi. He has selected around 450 Vachanas, of which he has already translated about 250. He plans to complete it by March next year and release the book at Uutadi village in Shivamogga district, the birthplace of Akkamahadevi.

He is also translating an Islamic book from English to Kannada. The book, titled 'Would You Like to Know Something About Islam', written by Mohammed Ahmed, was given to him by Islamic cleric Sayed Tanveer Hashmi.

"This is the first time I am translating a book from English to Kannada. I hope to complete it within a month," he says.

Yeligar says spirituality is essential for a stress-free life. His deep connection to spiritual thought, especially through Vachanas, has helped him navigate the challenges of policing. "Spirituality brings peace, clarity, and emotional balance. In my personal and professional life, it has helped me immensely," he says.

Tunnel roads will decongest city: KSTOA

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THE Karnataka State Travel Operators Association (KSTOA) and the Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels Association have extended their support to the controversial twin tunnel roads, stating that the growing population, increasing investment and rising purchasing power make these projects the need of the hour to decongest the city.

Radhakrishna Holla, a member of the KSTOA, said the tunnel project will reduce the travel time between the northern and the southern ends of the city. "The Institute of Engineers, which is a certified organisation, is supporting the project. The taxpayers need facilities to travel without stress. When Mumbai has it, why can't Bengaluru? The Centre should also pitch in with funds to decongest the Bengaluru traffic," he said.

Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels Association president PC Rao said that within a few years, the city's population will touch 1.5 crore, and the number of vehicles will increase accordingly. Hence, tunnel the roads and elevated corridors are a welcome move.

Over 10,000 Anekal residents plan protest against bad roads on Nov 29

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OVER 10,000 residents of Muthanallur, Hebbagodi and Singenaagrahara in Anekal taluk will stage a protest on November 29 at ASB College Ground against bad roads in their localities.

Addressing reporters under the banner of Anekal Taluk Citizens' Welfare Committee, they demanded that Heelalige, Singena Agrahara, Anantha Nagar and Sampige Nagar roads be asphalted at the earliest.

They alleged that these roads have not been repaired for almost two decades and their pleas have fallen on deaf ears. People living in over 20 apartments have been deprived of basic amenities such as roads, drainage and water supply, they said.

When the issue of roads was raised with the local panchayat, tahsildar and the MLA, patchwork was done. This patchwork will last only for a few weeks because of the increasing traffic, the residents said, demanding that all roads be asphalted.

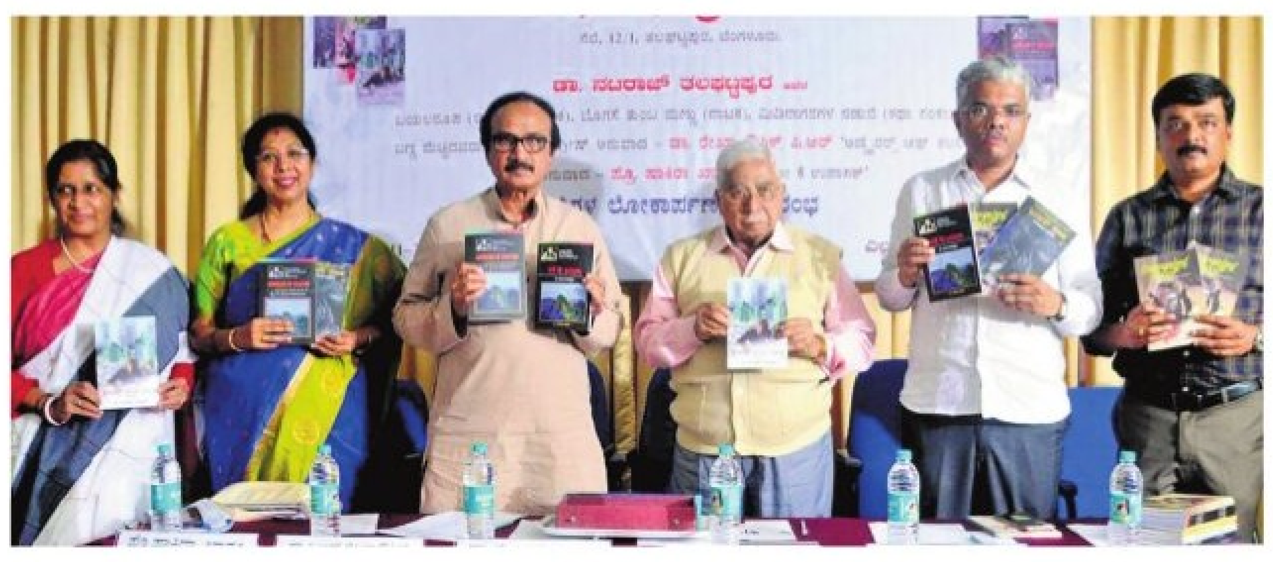
"The 3-km stretch from Huskur Road to Anantha Nagar and Heelalige is in a bad shape. The underground drainage line in Anantha Nagar has been damaged and sewage flows onto the main road. Chandapura, Bommasandra and Hebbagodi panchayats collect property tax amounting to Rs 25 crore. But they are not providing proper amenities to the residents," Shiva Reddy from Anekal said.

Some residents alleged that Anekal MLA B Shivanna has not taken any steps to address the civic issues raised by them.

Central Bank of India holds MSME outreach in Bengaluru

MSME Credit Outreach Campaign

Bengaluru: The Central Bank of India's Regional Office in Bengaluru organised an MSME Outreach Programme at Peenya and a Mega MSME Camp at the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), drawing participation from entrepreneurs and industry representatives. Zonal Head Dharasingh Naik met members of the Peenya Industries Association, including president D P Danappa, and interacted with entrepreneurs from the industrial cluster. He also visited the MSME unit Aceintech Pvt Ltd and appreciated its contribution to the manufacturing sector. At FKCCI, Naik reiterated the bank's commitment to supporting MSMEsthrough customised financial products, simplified credit procedures and proactive engagement. FKCCI president Uma Reddy lauded the bank's efforts to take financial services closer to MSMEs, highlighting the sector's role in innovation, employment generation and economic growth. The bank also showcased its MSME offerings and displayed promotional material on CKYC, social security schemes and DEAF. Officials said the outreach programmes strengthened the bank's engagement with MSMEs in Bengaluru.



Prof Shakira Khanum, Dr Rekha Kowshik, Jnanpith awardee Dr Chandrashekar Kambar, Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath president B L Shankar, author and journalist Raghunatha Cha Ha and playwright Dr Nataraj Thalaghattapura, at Bharath Education Society, Jayanagar, on Saturday | EXPRESS

Nataraj's play on Roerich, Devika now in English, Hindi

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KARNATAKA Chitrakala Parishath president Dr B L Shankar said playwright Dr Nataraj Thalaghattapura's effort to bring his Kannada play Banna Mecchidavaru to wider audiences through its English version, Admirers of Colour and Hindi translation Rangon Ke Upasak will help popularise the lives of artist Svetoslav Roerich and actor Devika Rani globally.

He was speaking at the release of the two books at Bharath Education Society, Jayanagar, on Saturday. The play depicts the struggles faced by Roerich and Devika Rani in the final years of their lives. The English translation is by Dr Rekha Kawshik P R, and the Hindi version by Prof Shakira Khanum.

Senior journalist and author Raghunatha Cha Ha said Nataraj's plays capture the complexities of contemporary life, and his stories mirror the concerns of the present generation. Three other books by Nataraj, the plays Bayala Roopa and Bogase Thumba Mannu, and the short-story collection Midinagaragala Naduve, were also released on the occasion. residing over the function, Jnanapeetha awardee Dr Chandrashekar Kambar lauded the playwright's work. Nataraj said the audience response to his plays continues to inspire him to write.

KASSIA hails Centre's new Labour Code

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THE Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) has welcomed the Central government's new Labour Code, calling it a landmark step toward modernising India's labour framework. Terming it one of the most significant reforms since Independence, KASSIA said the move brings long-awaited clarity to otherwise fragmented labour laws that MSMEs have struggled to navigate for decades.

KASSIA President BR Ganesh Rao said the consolidation of several labour laws into simplified, comprehensive codes will make compliance easier for small and medium industries. The new framework introduces greater transparency, reduces bureaucratic hurdles, and helps industries operate with more confidence at a time when the MSME sector is looking to compete globally, he said.

KASSIA urged the Karnataka government to ensure smooth implementation by offering capacity-building support and conducting awareness drives for industry owners and workers.

Prison authorities at the Shivamogga Central Prison foiled two back-to-back attempts to smuggle ganja into the facility. The staff seized 123 grams of ganja and 40 cigarettes hidden inside banana stems recently. The next day 170 grams of ganja was seized from prison staffer Satwik, (25) during a routine check. Both cases were registered at Tunganagar Police Station

Kerala to Goa — how cops chased leads in 5 states

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

WITHIN 54 hours of the brazen cash robbery, three accused were identified and detained, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said here on Saturday. While Rs 5.76crore was recovered within 60 hours from the outskirts of the city, a bag containing Rs 53lakh was also seized from Hyderabad, Singh told a press conference.

By the end of the first 24 hours, the accused persons and vehicles used in the heist had been identified through specific leads. One vehicle used in the crime was seized. As many as 200 police personnel, including 17 police inspectors, seven from the Central Crime Branch (CCB) and two Assistant Commissioners of Police, were part of the operation. Deputy Commissioners of Police, along with Joint Commissioners, supervised the entire investigation.

Technical and field leads were pursued across Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Some teams also extended their search up to Goa, and more than 30 people have been questioned so far. CCTV footage, call detail records, vehicle movement patterns and local intelligence inputs were analysed continuously, the Commissioner added.

DCP-South Lokesh B Jagalasar said three other accused in connection with the robbery were detained in Hyderabad. A bag of cash containing Rs 53 lakh was seized from them.

SECURITY LAPSES BY CMS

The probe into the Rs 7.11crore heist revealed that the Cash Management Services (CMS) firm had failed to follow key safety measures, and violated RBI guidelines. A senior police officer said that as per guidelines, cash-carrying vehicles should not use the same route or time repeatedly. Employees must be trained in cash handling, undergo proper background verification, and police should be informed if any custodial company employee is terminated. The GPS tracking system in the vehicle was also not functioning. There were lapses in staff deployment and security training, the officer added.

Commissioner Singh told reporters, "We have prepared a report on the violations committed by the company and will submit it to the authorities concerned."

DAYLIGHT DACOITY

On November 19, a CMS Cash-In-Transit vehicle carrying Rs 7.11 crore was robbed. The gang, posing as RBI officers, claimed they wanted to inspect the vehicle. All four staffers inside the vehicle, except the driver, were asked to get down. They threatened the driver with a pistol, unloaded the cash boxes and stole the Digital Video Recorder. A case was registered at Siddapura police station.

By the end of the first 24 hours, the accused persons and vehicles used in the heist had been identified

NO ROOM FOR DIGITAL ERRORS

According to police, the crime was meticulously planned and executed with zero operational errors and left no immediate clues.

The gang made multiple precise stops in CCTV shadow zones

No mobile phones were used during the operation

Members communicated in many languages to mislead investigators

Multiple vehicles used, with frequent changes in number plates and identifiers

Early media reports based on unofficial inputs hindered sensitive parts of investigation

Stolen notes were not serialised by issuing bank, complicating tracking efforts

Cash heist planned by accused to 'settle their lives'

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A source told *TNSE* that according to preliminary investigations, the six accused who posed as RBI officials and intercepted the vehicle were led by Ravi. Many of the accused belong to the same locality and had planned the heist in coordination with CMS staff and the police constable in an attempt to "settle their lives". The group split into two units — a planning team and an operational team.

The source added that Xavier, who worked for seven years in various positions at CMS and left the job a year ago after an accident, was well aware of the company's cash movement and security protocols. He is also suspected to have been involved in criminal activities previously. Gopi provided the route map of the vehicle carrying the cash, details of its scheduled stops, number of staff on board, and amount of money being transported. Naik, Xavier's close associate, assisted the gang with information on how to execute the crime and evade police. He handled the "training" aspect of the operation. These three made a detailed plan for the heist. The gang finalised the robbery location about 15 days earlier, and conducted a recce to ensure smooth execution. After the robbery, they avoided using mobile phones, switched multiple vehicles, altered routes, and stopped only in CCTV shadow zones.

A source added that the call detail records, technical evidence, and the CCTV footage of vehicle movement helped the police crack the case swiftly.

PROBE ON

Father, friend booked under POCSO for rape of minor girl in Koppal dist

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IN a shocking case of betrayal, a minor girl in Koppal district has accused her own father of facilitating her repeated sexual assault by his friend. A case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act has been registered, and both accused are currently absconding.

The incident, which occurred in December of last year, came to light only recently after the survivor attempted to take her own life. According to the police complaint, the girl's mother saved her and, upon inquiry, learned the horrific truth.

The survivor from Gangavathi stated in her complaint that her father, an alcoholic, forcibly took her to his friend's house in Gundamma Camp on December 8, 2023. She was held there until December 13.

The complaint alleges that on the night of December 11, the father's friend raped her. When the girl mustered the courage to tell her father the next day, he not only dismissed her trauma but allegedly offered to arrange a marriage with the perpetrator. He further threatened to kill her mother if she disclosed the assault to anyone.

"I had no other choice but to keep quiet," the girl stated in her complaint. The situation became unbearable, leading to her suicide attempt two days ago. Following her mother's advice, she filed a formal complaint at the Gangavathi police station. Police have confirmed that a POCSO case has been registered and an investigation is underway to locate and apprehend the two accused.

Youth held for illegal drug sale, 6K tablets seized

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THE High Grounds police have arrested a 27-year-old courier agent for allegedly selling Tapentadol tablets to students in the city and seized 6,700 tablets valued at around Rs 40 lakh from his possession.

Police said Prem, alias Vaishnav, a resident of Binni Mill Road, was caught based on a tip-off. Tapentadol is a prescription drug to treat acute pain, but it can act as a narcotic substance when misused. He had obtained the tablets from unnamed sources for peddling purposes, they said.

The investigators have found that Prem was selling the tablets to his clients for Rs 250 to Rs 500 each. During questioning, he did not reveal the source of the tablets.

EXPRESS READ

5 drivers caught drunk in West Division drive

Bengaluru: The West Division traffic police conducted a special drunk-driving enforcement operation on long-distance buses, including those operated by government and private entities, on Sunday night. Of the 1,035 buses inspected, five drivers were found operating under the influence of alcohol. Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Anoop A Shetty told TNSE that the checks covered KSRTC, private and inter-state services. He said surprise inspections and special drives against drunk driving will continue.

Gang posing as cops kidnaps call centre owner

Bengaluru: A gang posing as police personnel raided a call centre in Koramangala on Friday night, abducted its owner and extorted Rs 18.90 lakh. Police rescued the victim within hours and arrested eight men, including a constable attached to the Kolar district police. The incident occurred around midnight, when the accused barged into the BPO, which operates through the night for international clients, claiming to be conducting a cybercrime inspection. Accusing the staff of fraud, they forced the owner, Pavan, into a car under the pretext of taking him to a police station. Instead, he was taken to Malur, held hostage for nearly three hours and pressured to transfer Rs 18.90 lakh into bank accounts provided by the gang. Employees, suspicious of repeated demands for money, alerted the police. Pavan also managed to send a distress message, and the emergency helpline 112 received the complaint around 3 am. Southeast Division police traced the suspects' movements, located the victim and arrested all eight accused. Two cars used in the crime were also seized.

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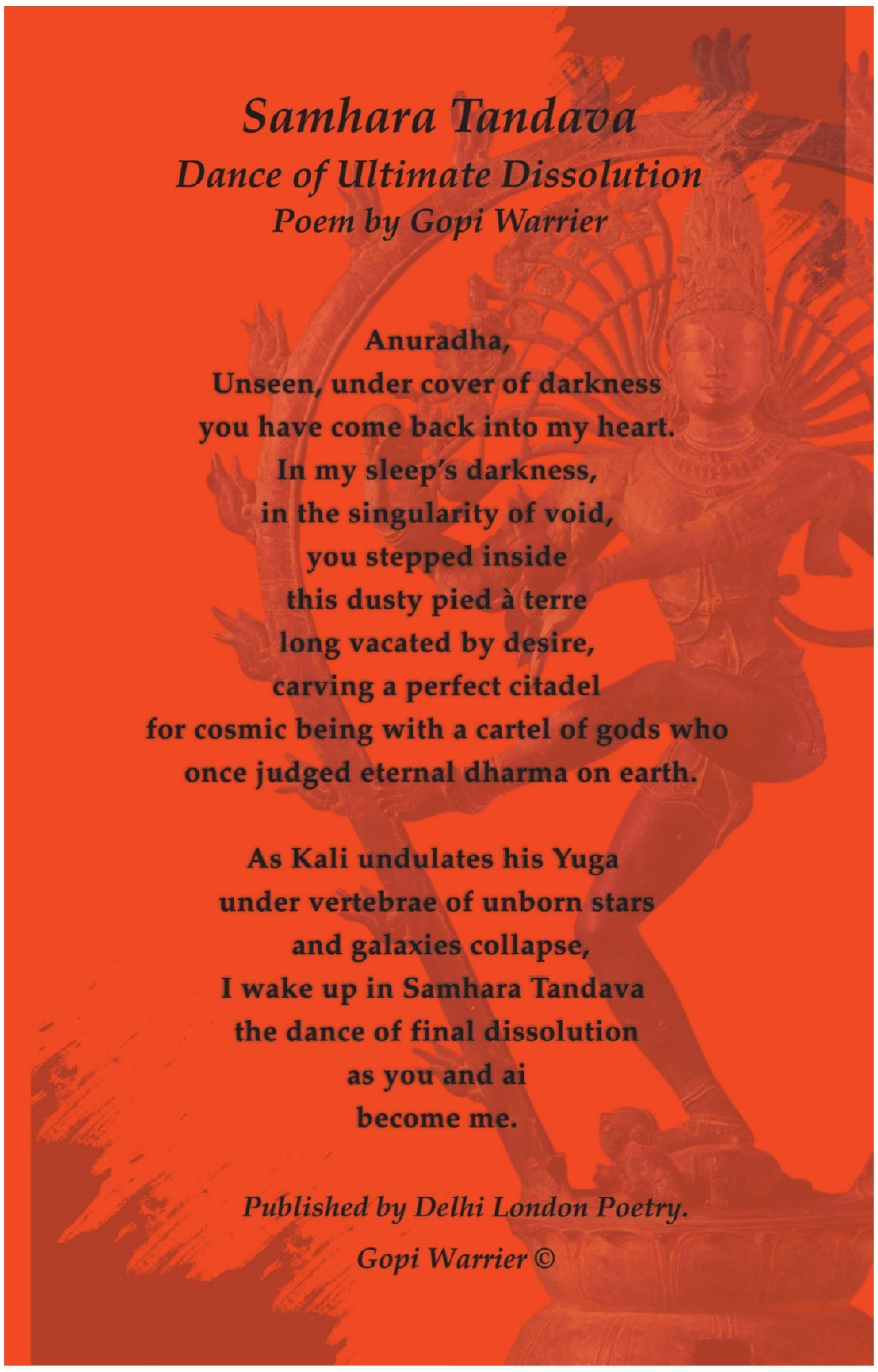
Samhara Tandava
Dance of Ultimate Dissolution
Poem by Gopi Warrier

Anuradha,
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you have come back into my heart.
In my sleep's darkness,
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you stepped inside
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for cosmic being with a cartel of gods who
once judged eternal dharma on earth.

As Kali undulates his Yuga
under vertebrae of unborn stars
and galaxies collapse,
I wake up in Samhara Tandava
the dance of final dissolution
as you and ai
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Cong power tussle affecting governance: BJP

GOP high command should clarify who the CM is, says Ashoka; Govt reduced to 'Scam Sarkara', quips Tejasvi

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OPPOSITION Leader in the Assembly R Ashoka said the administrative machinery in the state has become inactive due to the ongoing power tussle in the Congress, and the party high command should immediately clarify who is the Chief Minister.

He claimed that due to the power struggle between CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, the government has come to a standstill. MLAs supporting Shivakumar are fighting to install him in the CM's post, and the fight has reached a crucial stage. If Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge do not take a decision, the government will not function, officials will not work, and the administrative machinery will be in coma, he said.

The BJP leader said some Congress leaders are working to save Siddaramaiah, while another group is working to remove him. The people of the state are suffering due to the power struggle. The situation has reached such a pass that Shivakumar had gone to jail to seek the support of two MLAs, who are undertrial prisoners, Ashoka said.

Meanwhile, in New Delhi, BJP state president BY Vijayendra told the media that the government completing two-and-half years in office itself is an achievement, as it has failed on all fronts. The government talks about implementing guarantee schemes, but has increased the prices of all essential commodities, failed to solve farmers' issues, and reduced funds for many important departments, he said.

BJP MP Tejasvi Surya said Karnataka has been reduced to a 'Scam Sarkara' hiding behind the label of a 'Guarantee Sarkara', governance is crumbling and critical sectors are unattended. "Congratulations to the Congress government for completing 2.5 years of misgovernance and arbitrary rule in Karnataka," the MP stated on X.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah greets AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

DKS likely to meet Kharge today

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"ULTIMATELY, the high command will take a call. Whether it's the legislators, ministers, me or DK Shivakumar, we should adhere to it," Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said, appearing unfazed by Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar's camp meeting the high command and insisting on a change in leadership.

"Whenever the high command calls, I will go to Delhi," he responded to a query. However, he dismissed questions on a change in leadership and cabinet reshuffle featuring during his discussion with Kharge, which lasted over one-and-half hours. "It was a courtesy call during which we discussed ways to strengthen the party for the forthcoming polls to ZP/TP and corporations," he maintained.

According to sources, the CM and Kharge may have discussed DCM Shivakumar resorting to a show of strength by reaching out to MLAs and encouraging them to meet the high command in Delhi to exert pressure for change in leadership.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar at a meeting in Bengaluru on Saturday

The Chief Minister has reportedly got information that the DCM is collecting signatures of MLAs in his favour, and may have asked Kharge to advise Shivakumar that such a move would create a rift within the party and government.

"I need not gather information from MLAs about their moves as I have intelligence," he replied to a query.

Kharge might have suggested to the CM to instruct his own camp — ministers led by Satish Jarkiholi — not to hold separate dinner parleys as it would send a wrong message and damage the government and party.

Earlier in the day, the MLAs who showed up with the DK Shivakumar camp, including CP Yogeshwar, Yasir Khan Pathan and others, had also met Siddaramaiah. According to sources, some MLAs were confused as to which camp they should identify with as the party high command had not cleared the air.

Maenwhile, Shivakumar is likely to meet Kharge on Sunday, according to an informed source.

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>
> Siddaramaiah after meeting AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge

Joshi alleges 'horse trading' of Congress MLAs in Karnataka

HUBBALLI: sharply to the ongoing leadership tussle in the Congress government in Karnataka, Union Minister for Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs, and New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi has charged that both camps within the party are engaged in buying and influencing MLAs.

Speaking to the media in Hubballi on Saturday, Joshi, without naming Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, said that Congress leaders are even meeting MLAs in jail, trying to secure support. Shivakumar had met Congress MLAs Vinay Kulkarni and Veerendra Puppy in Bengaluru Central Prison recently.

Joshi, however, clarified that the BJP does not want the Congress government in the state to fall. "The people have given them a mandate. Let them govern for five years," he said.

He accused the government of losing focus on governance and allowing massive corruption in the police department. "The MLAs have been getting transfers done by receiving bribes. The Congress has been betraying the people who gave them a massive mandate," he said. "Siddaramaiah goes to Delhi, claiming he will remain the CM. Shivakumar follows, asking that Siddaramaiah be replaced. One wants the chair… the other won't leave it," Joshi said. **ENS**

Follow AICC dictum: Rajanna to DK bros

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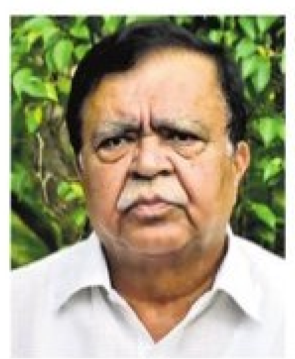
KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's aide and former cooperation minister **KN Rajanna** suggested that Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar follow the AICC dictum that he would be KPCC president until the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.



Rajanna hit out at Shivakumar's brother and former Bengaluru Rural MP DK Suresh, who reportedly stated that Siddaramaiah would keep his word on power sharing. "The AICC letter had a clear mention that Siddaramaiah would be Chief Minister and DK Shivakumar the lone DCM, and also KPCC president up to the Lok Sabha elections. Can Shivakumar follow that dictum? Those who wish others should be 'satya harishchandra' cannot be corrupt themselves," he told reporters.

Meanwhile, his MLC son Rajendra met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi a couple of weeks ago, creating a buzz that Rajanna would join the BJP ahead of the next assembly elections. Rajendra, one of the ten directors of Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) said he met Shah on the sidelines of the election for the KRIBHCO president's post. He admitted he had discussed the state's political situation, while speaking to reporters in New Delhi on Saturday.

Rajendra has been lobbying for the reinduction of his father Rajanna into the cabinet if Siddaramaiah reshuffles his team. He met AICC general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal several times at the behest of Siddaramaiah, according to sources. Rajanna was dismissed from the cabinet as he had indirectly criticised Leader of Oppsition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's 'Vote Chori' campaign, which the latter had launched from Bengaluru.

WILL URGE BRASS TO RESOLVE TUSSLE, SAYS MUNIYAPPA

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KARNATAKA Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa on Saturday said that he will urge the Congress high command to address the leadership crisis in Karnataka. Speaking to The New Sunday Express, the Congress leader said that he has already spoken to AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge to resolve the issue. The minister said that he would also speak to AICC general secretaries in-charge of party affairs in Karnataka. The high command will take appropriate steps in this regard, he said, adding that he will urge the high command to resolve the tussle at the earliest. "Our government promises guarantee schemes in the election manifesto, and we have successfully implemented it. It has become a boon for the needy. The government is working towards a development path," he added. On AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala's recent directive to Congress leaders to not speak about the change of guard issue, Muniyappa said that everyone in the party should abide by the high command's decision. "The high command's word is final," he added.

Was ready to make you CM, go ask Sonia: Gowda to Siddu

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JDS national president and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda on Saturday said that his party would not sever its alliance with the NDA under any circumstance."We have complete faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah," he said.

Addressing party workers and leaders after inaugurating the JDS silver jubilee celebrations, Gowda said, "We stand firmly with NDA. A strong government is in place under PM Modi. Our workers and leaders must never forget this." "In the interest of the nation, we must continue to work together. The Congress must be taught a lesson for its bad governance."

Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy with former PM HD Deve Gowda at the JDS silver jubilee celebrations in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Gowda expressed displeasure over Siddaramaiah's statement in Chamarajanagar that he would never have become the CM if he had remained in JDS. "I was ready to make him CM," Gowda claimed. He recounted that Sonia Gandhi insisted on making Dharam Singh CM. "In Kashmir, you made Ghulam Nabi Azad Deputy CM and Mufti Mohammad Sayeed the CM. In the same way, I went to Sonia Gandhi's doorstep three times requesting her to make Siddaramaiah the CM. If Siddaramaiah wants clarity, he may ask her. Sonia Gandhi knows the truth. Ahmed Patel knew it too. Sonia was opposed to making you (Siddaramaiah) CM," he said. He said to help the party win 58 seats, he had borrowed Rs 2 crore at midnight from a land dealer. "Where was Siddaramaiah then? When you speak, show at least some integrity."

Gowda questioned Siddaramaiah's claims about his credentials. "Ramakrishna Hegde served as CM for eight years. Did he make you Finance Minister? It was I who made you Finance Minister," he said. He continued, "What scholar are you? Are you a Supreme Court lawyer? You are not even a High Court lawyer. You argued just one or two cases in Mysuru. Tell us: what contribution have you made to JDS?"

Referring to Siddaramaiah's earlier postings, Gowda said, "Hegde made you chairman of Kannada Kavalu Samithi. Later, you handled Animal Husbandry or some other minor department. When Veerappa Moily was CM and the government had no money to pay salaries, Rs 200 crore was borrowed from Peerless Company. After that, you were made Finance Minister. I made you Finance Minister to fix the state's financial condition. That was my mistake," Gowda said.

Gowda added, "There were many occasions when I shed tears after making him Deputy CM. When I suggested making him state president of the party, Hegde held my hand and said: 'Make anyone you want, but not this man.' But I ignored Hegde's advice." "When they planned the AHINDA convention, I said it should be done on the party platform. They did not listen and instead organised it separately in Hubballi. In the end, I had no choice but to expel Siddaramaiah from the party. I have no regrets," he said.

"In the North, it is JDU. In the South, it is JDS," stressing, "There it is Nitish, and here it is Kumaraswamy," he added.

HDK hints at 'explosive' political developments

Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy has hinted that "explosive political developments are set to unfold in Karnataka soon". He said the situation in the state had reached a point where no one could predict who would take what political stance. "Unexpected and explosive developments are bound to take place in Karnataka politics," he added. People are frustrated with poor governance, rising taxes, and prices, he said. "Give our party a chance. I will prove what good governance truly is. If I fail to provide a government that wins the people's approval, I will never seek your support again," he said. Kumaraswamy accused political opponents of maligning former PM and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda, saying, "Deve Gowda had always upheld values and principles in politics. They even spread false propaganda that he purchased 500 plots in Mysuru." He alleged that the Congress government was squeezing the state in the name of guarantee schemes, and was dividing society in the name of the caste census.

Cong's Karnataka quagmire: No easy way out for high command

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THE current crisis in the Congress over the chief minister's post continues to undermine the government's work. The party's top leadership saw it coming – since May 2023 – but did nothing decisively to prevent it. Now, as patience is wearing thin for the dramatis personae in the internal power play, the top brass has stepped in to cool the tempers of its state leaders, but there is no easy way for it to deal with the crisis.

The power struggle is intensifying after the government crossed the halfway mark of its five-year term earlier this week. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's respective camps appear to be making every effort to outdo the other, putting the party high command in a bind. Legislators rushing to the national capital to lobby with central leaders; ministers holding dinner meetings, apparently to discuss political strategies; Shivakumar visiting the central prison to meet two of his party MLAs housed as under-trial prisoners; and some legislators openly appealing for the central leadership's intervention to end the confusion, indicate rumblings in the party.

Those privy to the unfolding developments in the Grand Old Party see them as an effort by Shivakumar to keep his claim for the top post alive while Siddaramaiah continues to firmly assert himself.

Siddaramaiah's repeated claims that he would present the next state budget and continue as the CM for the full five years convey a clear message to his political detractors within the party, as well as to the officials. The CM's attempts to end the political uncertainty that is taking a toll on the administration are welcome, though it is unclear if this will yield results. At the same time, it appears that the CM is also sending out a subtle message to the central leadership to preempt any attempts by his detractors to unseat him.

In the current scenario, especially after Congress and allies faced a crushing defeat in Bihar, Congress-led I.N.D.I.A bloc – a much-hyped political alliance to counter the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) – is falling apart, even as elections in neighbouring Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, West Bengal and Assam are likely to be held early next year. Many in the party believe the high command is likely to prefer a status quo approach, rather than taking any risks. For Congress, Karnataka is a very important state, one of the few where it retains power.

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, too, would be wary of any political instability in his home state, as that would not bode well for his image as an astute administrator and leader.

If at all the central leadership is contemplating any move to make major changes in the government, it must be done by taking Siddaramaiah into confidence. Shivakumar's followers are of the view that a power-sharing agreement was reached between the CM and DyCM in the presence of Kharge and AICC General Secretaries KC Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala, and that Siddaramaiah will be convinced to abide by it.

But, by pushing for a cabinet reshuffle, the CM has made clear his intentions of continuing in power and also bringing in new vigour to the administration. It is not clear if the high command green-lights the cabinet reshuffle. The central leadership may not immediately allow Siddaramaiah to reshuffle the cabinet, thereby giving the impression that all options are open. That would also keep Shivakumar's claim alive. The central leadership cannot afford to antagonize Shivakumar either, as that would send a wrong message to party loyalists.

Siddaramaiah's camp appears to be making efforts to undermine Shivakumar's influence in the government and the party by demanding the creation of more Deputy Chief Minister posts and a change of state Congress president. "They have been organising dinner meetings for the last two-and-a-half years, demanding four to five DyCMs and a change of KPCC president. Let them organise more such dinner meetings," Shivakumar stated, responding to mediapersons' question on the dinner meeting hosted by Siddaramaiah loyalist and PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi. Shivakumar's sharp remarks suggest the impending crisis in the Congress.

Although top leaders maintain that all is fine and the party is capable of taking appropriate action when required, it appears otherwise. But, strangely, instead of looking the problem in its eyes, some of its senior leaders, including Surjewala, blame the opposition BJP and a section of the media for "running a maligning campaign against Karnataka and its Congress Government."

Instead of blaming the media for what the party calls its 'internal issue,' wouldn't it be better for the central leaders to make it clear if Siddarmaiah would continue as the CM for the remaining term, or if they will make Shivakumar the CM during this tenure? Failure to answer those questions in an unambiguous manner and settle the leadership issue once and for all will continue to impact the administration in the second half of the tenure as well.

EXPRESS READ

Siddaramaiah appeals to Centre to support farmers

BENGALURU: CM Siddaramaiah has appealed to PM Modi to direct the National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India and Food Corporation of India to begin procurement of maize and green gram at MSP without delay. "Since Karnataka does not include maize in its PDS distribution, FCI, NAFED, and other procurement agencies must be directed to immediately commence procurement of maize and green gram at MSP under the Price Support Scheme or an appropriate market intervention mechanism, thereby ensuring price stability for farmers," the CM stated in a letter to the PM. Market prices have fallen far below MSP declared by the Union Government, creating widespread distress among cultivators, he said. The CM said his government has been working closely with farmer groups, market agencies, and departments to stabilise prices. They have already taken steps at the state level - from opening procurement centres to ensuring local industries lift stocks - but some issues lie beyond the state's constitutional authority, he said. Siddaramaiah also requested the Centre to ensure ethanol plants buy maize directly from farmers, increase Karnataka's ethanol allocation, curb excessive maize imports, and relax green gram quality norms to protect farmers from unavoidable weather impact.

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Chikkamagaluru DC Meena Nagaraj CN has issued advisories for leaders of the Sangh Parivar, Dattamaladharis, tourists, shopkeepers and hoteliers in anticipation of the Datta Jayanthi celebration, scheduled to take place from December 2 to 4, in the city and surrounding taluks. Around 25,000 Dattamaladharis and activists from the Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) are expected to converge on the city to ascend to Dattapeeta atop the hill at 4 am on December 4

Mandya dist has lowest birth sex ratio in state

Study points at a higher prevalence of sex selective abortions, excess female mortality

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

DESPITE raising awareness among people and both the central and State governments promoting programmes to save the girl child, the Child Rights Index report released by the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) on November 20 stated that the child sex ratio at birth (0-6 years) is still a concern in the state. The report is a study by S Madheswaran and BP Vani from the Institute for Social and Economic Change.

In Karnataka, several districts have been identified with low sex ratios at birth, including Mandya, Bagalkot, Bidar, Chikkaballapur and Kalaburagi. These are districts with lower than 900 sex ratio at birth in one year or other. However, India's SDG Index has a target sex ratio at birth of 950 females per 1,000 males.

Mandya district has consistently shown a low sex ratio for four years – 884 in 2020, 873 in 2021, 877 in 2022 and 887 in 2023. The sex ratio in the other districts in 2023 was 919 in Bagalkot, 920 in Bidar, 910 in Kalaburagi and 937 in Chikkaballapur. In 2022, the ratio in these districts stood at less than 900.

The report calls it a matter of concern because the sex ratio at birth in the state was stable until 2011, and has declined to 916 during 2018-20. There is a drastic decline in child sex ratio from 975 in 1981 to 946 in 2001, it inched up to 948 in 2011 and declined again during 2018-20.

"Studies relating to sex ratio indicate that this could be due to a higher prevalence of sex selective abortions. It could also be due to imbalance in sex ratio at birth and excess female mortality (though male infants have higher rate of mortality than female infants) as compared to males post birth. There are various factors responsible for low female ratio, including gender-based differences in feeding practices, healthcare-seeking behaviour and difference in immunisation rates between boys and girls," states the report.

The overall sex ratio is influenced by decreasing fertility rates and reduced family size, it said.

Venkatesh, a member of KSCPCR in Mandya, said, "It is difficult to trace these abortion centres unless someone from the same group reveals the truth. In one case, the centre was being operated in a jaggery manufacturing factory in a village. After doing an ultrasound, they referred these patients to various abortion centres. When we come across issues like female infanticide, we inspect the place and on finding evidence, we report to the police. However, the issue is still a matter of concern. We wouldn't want Mandya to be known as the centre for female infanticide. The practice exists even now, when parents want their first child to be a son or don't want a second girl child."

FIGHT FOR RIGHTS

Kannada activists from various organisations protest against the State government's move to not implement 'Kannada Kannadiga Karnataka', at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Saturday

Kerala gang loots jeweller in Gundlupet

Chamarajanagar: A Kerala-based gang appears to be active again in the border region. A jeweller's car carrying several kg of gold was reportedly robbed near the Moolehole check-post in the Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Gundlupet taluk on November 20. A formal complaint was lodged on Saturday. Vinu (49), a jeweller from Calicut, Kerala, approached the Gundlupet police and filed a complaint stating that he was transporting 800 gram of 24-carat gold bars and 518 gram of 22-carat gold from Rajesh Jewellers in Mandya. According to him, when the vehicle was passing through Moolehole, it was intercepted by robbers travelling in two Toyota Innova cars and an Toyota Etios. The gang allegedly stole the jewellery along with the vehicle in an area with no mobile network. Vinu claimed that 10-12 individuals were involved in the robbery.

Educationists want Bangarappa removed as education minister

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

DALIT Sangharsha Samiti and Jagruta Nagarikaru Karnataka Vedike organised a round table meeting of educationists, activists and retired professors on Saturday, to discuss recent decisions taken by the Department of School Education and Literacy.

They announced the formation of a separate committee and submitted certain recommendations to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Shripadh Bhat, educationist, explained, "One of our recommendations includes changing Minister for School Education and Literacy **Madhu Bangarappa**. MLAs with deep insight and commitment to the public education system should be appointed ministers. The recommendations of the State Education Policy (SEP) formulated by the Karnataka State Education Policy Commission should be made public and reviewed. Steps should be taken to fill all vacant posts, from pre-primary to pre-university education, as soon as possible. No new order should be issued regarding education policies until the SEP is implemented. No schools should be merged with Karnataka Public Schools etc."

Meanwhile, Dr Niranjanaradhya, education expert, said, "Karnataka is in 7th position in India in terms of shutting down schools. The state has closed 6.46 per cent of government schools during various party regimes. If the government closes more than 25,600 schools, it will touch 52 per cent."

He highlighted some shocking figures on the status of schools. "In 2010-11, there were 45,677 elementary schools in Karnataka. Now, there are 41,905 elementary schools. Enrolment rate of children in government schools in 2010-11 was 54.5lakh, but has reduced to 23lakh. However, the enrolment rate of children in private schools was 28.76lakh in 2010-11, which has now increased to 48.47lakh."

"Education is a political issue now. They have violated Article 21A by shutting down schools within one kilometre range in every village, depriving children of their Right to Education," Niranjanaradhya stated.

Last week, TNIE reported that 19 government schools of various taluks of Chikkaballapur would be merged into one KPS, and seven schools in Channapatna would be merged to start another KPS. The documents also stated that TCs must be given to students, and benches, desks and other properties moved to the new school. Teachers will be also deputed to the new KPS.

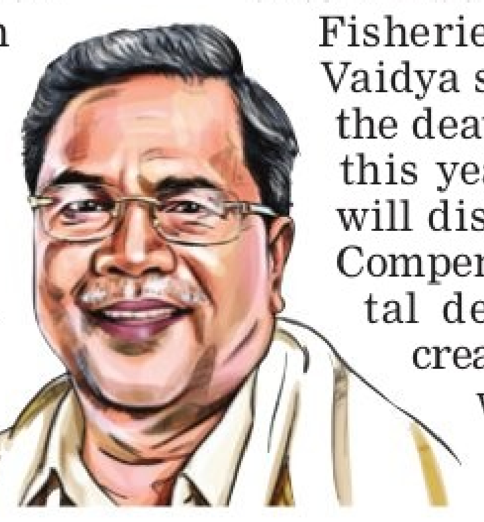
Siddu: K'taka ranks third in fish production

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

"KARNATAKA now ranks third in the country in fish production. India's share of global fish production is about 7.7% and ranks fourth in exports," said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday. Speaking at 'Matsya Mela 2025' to mark World Fisheries Day here, he said fisheries is a crucial industry that ensures food security, nutrition and livelihoods for lakhs of families.

Karnataka, with its 32-km coastline and 5.5 lakh hectares of inland water resources, stands third in the country in fish production. The sector supports nearly 10 lakh people in the state, the CM said.

Reiterating the government's commitment to the sector, he said the annual diesel quota for mechanised fishing boats has been increased from 1.5 lakh kilolitres to 2 lakh kilolitres. Traditional boats are being given industrial kerosene at a subsidised price of Rs 35 per litre.



Siddaramaiah said financial aid for fishermen during the annual fishing ban has been increased from Rs 1,500 to Rs 3,000. Work on 10,000 houses for fishermen has begun.

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar said the government had filled more than 10,000 lakes with water across the state, enabling inland fishery. "Small lakes will be handed over to societies, while larger ones will be auctioned," he said.

Fisheries Minister Mankal Vaidya said that in view of the deaths of 45 fishermen this year, the government will distribute life jackets. Compensation for accidental deaths has been increased to Rs 10 lakh and will be released within 24 hours, he added.

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With reference to the advertisement published in the **Employment News, Vol. L, Issue No. 26, Page No. 10, dated 27 September – 3 October 2025, regarding the appointment of Executive Vice President (Delhi) – 2 posts, the closing date for submission of applications has been extended to 01st December 2025.**

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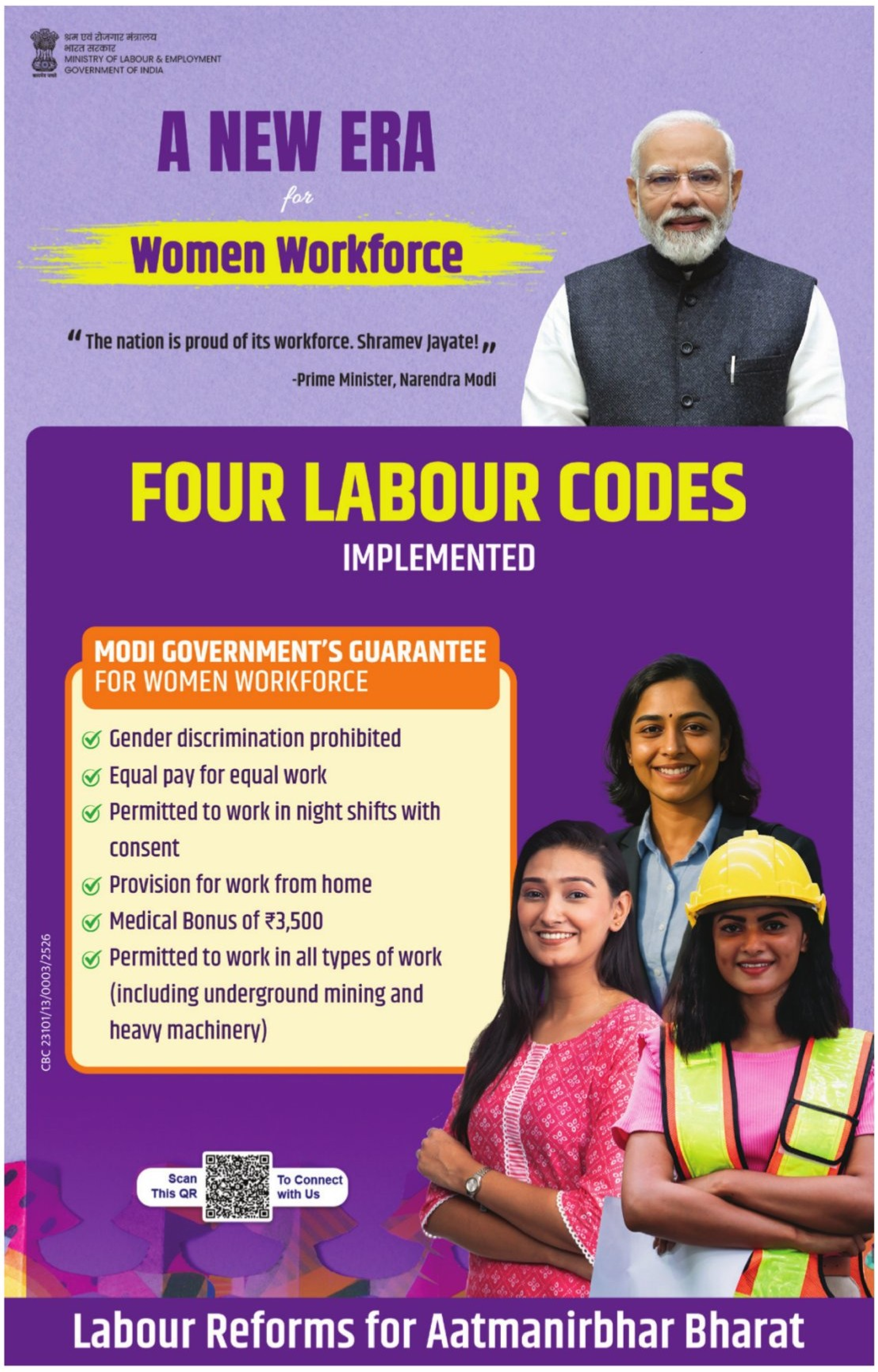

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Labour Reforms for Aatmanirbhar Bharat

A gang posing as police officers raided a call centre in Koramangala on Friday night, abducted the company owner and extorted Rs 18.90 lakh. Acting swiftly, the police rescued the victim and arrested the accused. Eight people, including a police constable attached to the Kolar district police, have been arrested

MAHADAYI STIR MOVES TO DELHI

More than 1,500 farmers from Dharwad and Gadag expected to join the campaign on Dec 1

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

THE Mahadayi river water dispute protest, a relentless movement that began on July 16, 2015, has now crossed a somber milestone of 10 years and four months. With their demands still unmet, the agitators are planning to escalate their struggle by taking it to the national capital with a 'Delhi Chalo' campaign scheduled for December 1.The protest, which started in Naragund and Hubballi, has seen thousands of farmers from Gadag, Dharwad and surrounding districts maintain a continuous presence for over 3,800 days.

Karnataka Raita Sena leader Veeresh Sobaradmath with farmers at the protest site in Naragund, Gadag district, on Saturday

Initially launched by farmers under the banner of Karnataka Raita Sena (KRS), led by Veeresh Sobaradmath, the agitation once garnered widespread support, including from the Kannada film industry. Protesters accuse successive governments and politicians from both the Congress and BJP of using the Mahadayi issue as a "vote bank", making promises during elections but failing to act once in power.

Despite numerous delegations meeting Chief Ministers over the years, from B S Yediyurappa to the current Siddaramaiah government, the farmers have returned with only assurances. Hopes were particularly high when Basavaraj Bommai, who is familiar with the project's details, became CM, yet the project remains stalled."The protest is still on, and we hope to get water, but our political leaders must take interest and implement the project," said KRS leader Veeresh Sobaradmath.

"We are planning a 'Delhi Chalo' campaign on December 1. We will protest in front of Aranya Bhavan in Delhi and will not to come back without getting a green signal," he said. Over 1,500 farmers from the region are expected to join the campaign, signalling a renewed and intensified phase in their long-standing fight for water.

20-DAY DRIVE A SUCCESS

Tigress that killed farmer united with cubs, relocated

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

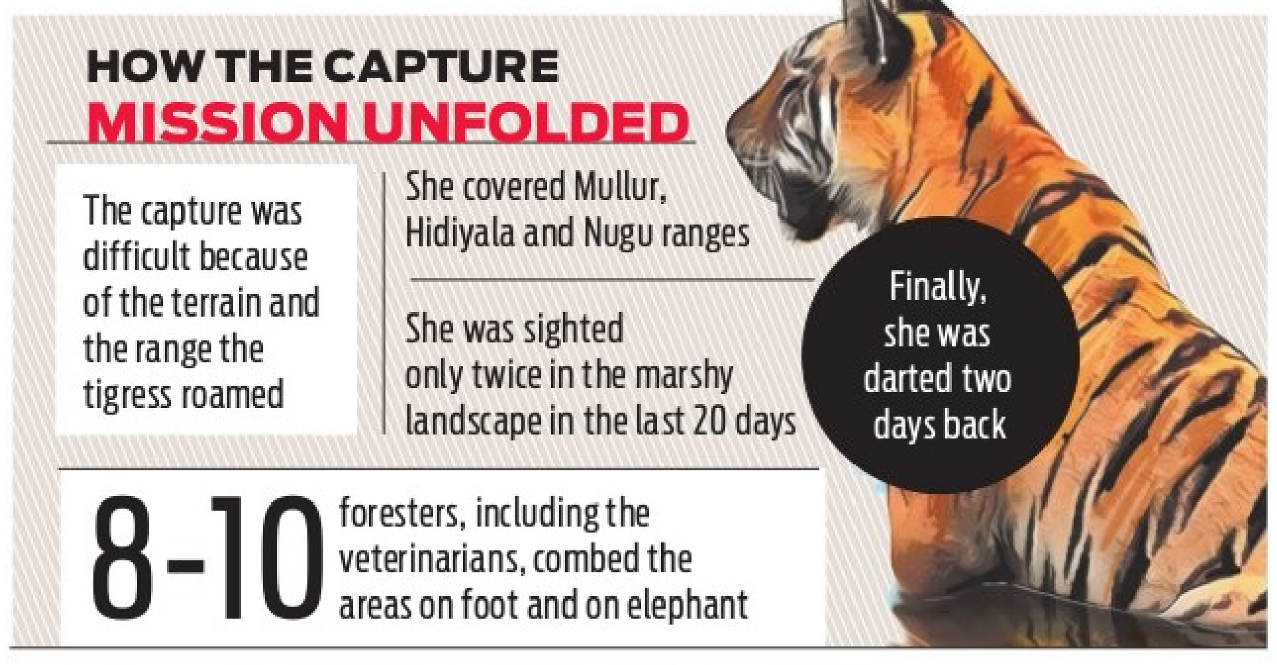
THE tigress that killed a farmer on October 26 was captured by Karnataka forest department officials after a detailed patrolling and capture operation exercise of 20 days, in Mullur, near Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

The tigress, aged around 8-9 years old, had five cubs. All the cubs were also captured and reunited with their mother on Thursday. They were released in a conducive habitat on Friday.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, PC Rai, said, "The tigress was released after a thorough medical examination. Her canines and claws are intact. Her cubs are also very young and healthy, and, therefore, relocation was decided." He added that animals which are not ailing, injured or old will not be kept at rescue centres but will be relocated.

The tigress had killed a farmer, identified as Rajashekhar, on October 26, in Mullur, near his tomato farm. The farmer had entered the marshy landscape to collect wood pieces, not realising that he was close to the cubs. Out of instinct, the tigress had pounced on him.

"With this incident, she cannot be termed as a man-eater, as there has been repeated killing by her. The death of circumstantial and besides she has cubs, not above 45 days old. Soon after the incident, when cages were kept to capture her, two cubs were rescued," the officials from Bandipur said.


HOW THE CAPTURE MISSION UNFOLDED
The capture was difficult because of the terrain and the range the tigress roamed
She covered Mullur, Hidiyala and Nugu ranges
She was sighted only twice in the marshy landscape in the last 20 days
Finally, she was darted two days back
8-10 foresters, including the veterinarians, combed the areas on foot and on elephant

15-FT KING COBRA RESCUED IN SIRSI

Ragihoshalli: A 15 feet long king cobra was rescued from a farm at Ragihosahalli in Sirsi taluk of Uttara Kannada district and released into the forest on Saturday, local residents said. The people said the cobra was stuck in the paddy field belonging to a villager named Prashanth Hegde. "The place is infested by rat snakes, common cobras and other reptiles," said Vasudev Naik, a local resident. When the king cobra was sighted, the villagers sought the assistance of snake catcher Pavan Naik, who arrived immediately and rescued the reptile. "Ragihoshalli is known to have king cobras, but this one was massive in size, weighing around 12kg. It was a fully grown male snake and dark in colour, which is rare. I have caught several snakes, but this one was very long," he said.

'Tiger capture' order worries kawadis, mahouts

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

FOREST and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre's recent order directing the use of camp elephants to capture elusive, conflict-causing tigers has intensified anxiety among forest personnel—especially among Karnataka's mahouts and kawadis.

This is because the elephants, across the 10 camps in the state, have to undergo special tiger capture training. But before that, the mahouts and kawadis have to be well-trained for that. "There are 107 elephants in the forest camps in the state. Not all elephants and mahouts are trained for capture operations. Some are trained for elephants, some for tigers, some for training other elephants and some are residing in camps to help other new entrants adjust to their surroundings. Training all the elephants at the earliest is a concern," said a senior official.

The mahouts pointed out that this is a challenging task as the number of man-animal conflict incidents is on the rise across the state. A mahout, not wanting to be named, said, "There was a time when some elephants were pressed to capture wild elephants, and some had to be diverted for tiger capture. At the same time, we also had to ensure that some are left behind, as we have young calves and new entrants."

'Anganwadi staff trained to grow veggies'

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SUSHEELA (name changed), who is in her late 50s and has a kidney ailment, walks from her village in Channapatna to the nearest bus station which is over one kilometer.

She then takes a bus to the Bidadi bus station, from where she takes another bus to the village where her Anganwadi is located and walks again to reach her centre. "Forget medical benefits, we don't even get extra leaves. I have taken a loan of Rs 1 lakh with Rs 6,000 interest. I started with an honorarium of Rs 1,000 per month 23 years ago, and today it is Rs 12,500. It is far less than even minimum wages," she said. While the Centre pays Rs 4,500, the remaining is paid by the state government.

For cooks, the Centre pays Rs 1,500, while Rs 5,000 is borne by the State. The condition of cooks is far worse than other Anganwadi workers. One of the cooks who works at a centre near Channapatna said, "I have been working for the last 35 years and I will retire in January 2026. At the time of retirement, I will get only Rs 75,000 and no other benefits.'' At many places, cooks have to walk some distance to fetch water. "We need at least 10 pots of water to cook and clean. We have toilets, but no water connection,'' said another cook.

The state government releases Rs 83 per centre per month for cleaning. This amount has not been credited for the last three years. "We need dish soap/powder to wash utensils, and detergent to clean carpets where kids sleep in the afternoon. We have to clean the floor. We bring soap and other necessities from our homes many times,'' said a worker from a centre in Bidadi.

S Varalaskhmi, president, Karnataka State Anganwadi Workers' Association, said there has been demand to consider ICDS as a department, while it is officially still a scheme, even 50 years after inception. Earlier, 90% of aid was from the Union government, but it was cut short post 2014. Even as the allotment from the Central Finance Commission reduced, the state government did not increase the honorarium.

Women and Child Development Director Mahesh Babu N said there has been a demand to increase the honorarium, which needs to be reviewed. "A child's brain develops from infancy to six years old. At that age, giving nutritious food matters. Our nutrition expert committee has recommended a menu that helps children's brain development,'' he said.

Rs 18.50 is spent per child per day. Of that, Rs 15.50 is from the state government. When TNIE asked government officials whether 50 paise per child is enough for vegetables, they agreed it was not. "But we have trained Anganwadi workers to grow vegetables on their premises and use,'' they said. But what they forgot was that, many anganwadi centres run from a single room for which a rent is paid.

An anganwadi in the outskirts of Bengaluru | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

SIT to probe flaws in land acquisition

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday said a special investigation team (SIT) would probe alleged irregularities in land acquisition for irrigation and Bengaluru development departments. "The guilty officials will be suspended," Shivakumar said after reviewing land acquisition cases pending in various courts.

He said about 61,843 cases related to the irrigation department are pending in various courts. An investigation conducted by the revenue department has found that officials and legal team did not file applications at the right time, he said.

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Please read the due date as "05.01.2025" for the tender notice no S-67-2025 dated: 13.11.2025 at Sr. No. 687
Please read the due date as "01.12.2025" for the tender notice no S-66-2025 dated: 09.10.2025 at Sr. No. 597
Please read the due date as "01.12.2025" for the tender notice no S-66-2025 dated: 09.10.2025 at Sr. No. 598
Please read the due date as "24.12.2025" for the tender notice no S-62-2025 dated: 23.09.2025 at Sr. No. 554

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** and **wr.indianrailways.gov.in** 0832

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients **(1) Mr. R. Narasimha Murthy (2) Mr.R.K Sarathi** and **(3) Mr.R.K Girish Babu** all are sons of **Mr.P.R. Kodandapani @ Ramamurthy** all are residing at No. 167, R.T. Street, Balepete Cross, Bangalore- 560053, have misplaced/lost-in-transit the original Title Deeds of Commercial Shop. in Ground Floor and Residential Houses in 1st Floor and 2nd Floor property bearing Old No.42, then No. 156 Further No. 167, New No. 167/1, PID No.28-80-167/1 as per Form A (Rule 11) issued by Bangalore Central City Palike Property No. 167, E' PID No. 1554429907, situated at Gudumaiayanna pete, Balepet, R.T.Street, (Near Jain Temple), Bangalore Central City Palike Ward No.94, (Old Ward No.28), measuring East to West 15'.8" feet and North to South 38'.11" feet, totally measuring 602 Sq.feet or 55.9 Sq.Mtrs and also they have lost following original documents.

a) Original Sale Deed Registered No.659/1961-62, dated 13-05-1961, **b)** Original Sale Deed Registered No.3333-1992-93 dated 26-02-1993 **c)** Original Sale Deed Registered No.768-1999-2000 dated 10-06-1999, **d)** Original Discharge Deed Registered No. GAN-01-00215-2012-13 dated 21-04-2012, **e)** Original Mortgage Deed Registered No.GAN-1-01423-2012-13, **f)** Original Discharge Certificate Deed Registered No.GAN-1-05315-2015-16.

In this regard they have already filed a complaint before the Police Unit Bangalore City, lost report No. 1907384/2025 on 17-11-2025. If anyone has come into possession of the said documents, the same may informed or handed over to them at the address stated above or to the undersigned.

My clients **Mr. R. Narasimha Murthy**, his brothers R.K. Sarathi and R.K. Girish Babu have entered Sale Agreement dated 25-09-2025 to sell the above property in favour of Sri. Dinesh G.

If any person or persons having any right, title or interest by way of inheritance or in possession of afore mentioned Title Deeds in original, they may send their claim in writing to the undersigned along with the documentary evidence in support of the said clients thereof within **10 days** of publication of this notice. Failing which such claims or objections, if any shall be consider has waived and or/ discharged forever.

P. Manjunatha, Advocate
No.239, Ground Floor, 10th B Cross,
25th Main J.P. Nagar,1st Phase,
Bangalore-560 078. Ph: 98454 38588.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client **Mr.AMBARISH.T.V,** Son of Mr.Vasudeva.T.A., intends to purchase the immovable property described in the schedule hereunder from its owners, Mrs.G.Premavathi, Mr.R.Murali Kumar, Mrs.Mala Chandrashekaran, Mrs.Vanishree and others. Any person/s having any claim, title and interest over the schedule property or any objections to the proposed purchase, may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication and a copy of objections to our below mentioned office, failing which my clients will be advised to go ahead and complete the formalities for registered Sale Deed.

:: SCHEDULE ::

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **Site No.305**, **PID No.8505503802,** formed by Bangalore Development Authority, situated at 37th B Cross Road, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560069, **measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq.ft.,** and bounded on East by: Site No.306, West by: Site No.304, North by: Road, South by: Site No.354;

Sd/- Sahai Kumar, Advocate
#311, 2nd Floor, 3rd Main, 3rd Phase,
J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-560078
Mob:9845090974

KOTAK MAHINDRA PRIME LTD

Registered Office: 27BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051. **Branch Office:** 1st Floor, 20, Uniworth Plaza, Sankey Road, Palace Guttahalli, Banaglore-560020.

POSSESSION NOTICE [(Rule 8(1)]

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Kotak Mahindra Prime Ltd. (KMPL)** (hereinafter referred to as "KMPL / Company") vide Board Resolution dated 03rd July 2024 having its Registered Office at 27 BKC, Ground Floor, Plot No.C-27, 'G' Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai - 400 051 and having one of its branch office, 1st Floor, 20, Uniworth Plaza, Sankey Road, Palace Guttahalli, Banaglore-560020 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **demand notice dated 13.08.2024** calling upon the borrowers **1. Mr. Harish N S/o Mr. A. Narayanappa,** 1078 6th B Cross, 3rd Main Road, Next to Dr Rajkumar Prakash Nagar, Srirampuram, 560021 - Bangalore. **2. Mrs. Amrutha R, W/o, Mr. Harish N,** 1078 6th B Cross, 3rd Main Road, Next to Dr Rajkumar Prakash Nagar, Srirampuram, 560021 - Bangalore. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,05,82,625.35/- (Rupees One Crore Five Lakhs Eighty- Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five and Thirty Five Paisa Only) being the amount due as 23/08/2025 (this amount includes interest applied till 23/08/2025)** within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/Mortgagers/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/Mortgagers/Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **19th day of November of the year 2025.**

The borrowers/Mortgagers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **KMPL** for an amount of **Rs.1,05,82,625.35/- (Rupees One Crore Five Lakhs Eighty- Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five and Thirty Five Paisa Only) being the amount due as 23/08/2025** (this amount includes interest applied till 23/08/2025) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description Of The Immovable Property: All the piece and parcel of the property New Municipal No. 1 (Earlier 1078/1) having PID No. 23-41-1 situated at 6th B Cross, Prakash Nagar, 3rd Stage, Rajajinagar, BBMP Ward No. 98, Old Ward No 23, Bengaluru measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 45 feet in all 1350 sq ft along with building thereon and **bounded on:- East by :** Site No, 1077/A, **West by :** Site No. 1078/A, **North by :** Site No. 1079 and 1080, **South by :** Road. Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easementary/mamool rights annexed thereto.

Note: Please avoid the previous notice dated 06.11.2025.

Date: 19-11-2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Kotak Mahindra Prime Ltd.

BEFORE THE DESIGNATED COURT UNDER THE MPID ACT, MUMBAI MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION NO. 1757 OF 2024
IN
MPID SPECIAL CASE NO. 1 OF 2014

The Deputy Collector & Competent Authority (NSEL) appointed under the MPID Act, 1999 ..Applicant
Vs
1. M/s. NCS Sugars Ltd. Address: 405 & 406, Minar Apartment, Deccan Towers, Bashirbag, Hyderabad-1
2. Shri. N. Nageshwar Rao Address: 405 & 406, Minar Apartment, Deccan Towers, Bashirbag, Hyderabad-1
3. Shri. N. Nikhil . Address: 405 & 406, Minar Apartment, Deccan Towers, Bashirbag, Hyderabad-1
4. Smt. N. Nagratnam Address: 405 & 406, Minar Apartment, Deccan Towers, Bashirbag, Hyderabad-1
5. Shri. N. Shrinivas Address: 405 & 406, Minar Apartment, Deccan Towers, Bashirbag, Hyderabad-1
6. Shri. N. Murli Address: 405 & 406, Minar Apartment, Deccan Towers, Bashirbag, Hyderabad-1
7. M/s NCS Investment Pvt. Ltd. Address: 405 & 406, Minar Apartment, Deccan Towers, Bashirbag, Hyderabad-1
8. M/s NCS Storage Systems Pvt. Ltd. Address: 405 & 406, Minar Apartment, Deccan Towers, Bashirbag, Hyderabad-1
9. M/s Shiva Aliaz Pvt. Ltd. Address: 405 & 406, Minar Apartment, Deccan Towers, Bashirbag, Hyderabad-1
10.M/s NCS Sugars (Nellor) Ltd. Address: 405 & 406, Minar Apartment, Deccan Towers, Bashirbag, Hyderabad-1
11.M/s TGV Sark Ltd. Address: 405 & 406, Minar Apartment, Deccan Towers, Bashirbag, Hyderabad-1
12. M/s Laxmi Energy & Foods Limited. Address: S. C. O. 18-19, First Floor, Sector-9 D, Middle Way, Chandigarh-160017
13. Loil Group Address: S. C. O. 18-19, First Floor, Sector-9 D, Middle Way, Chandigarh-160017
14. White Water Address: S. C. O. 18-19, First Floor, Sector-9 D, Middle Way, Chandigarh-160017
15. M/s. N. K. Industries Limited, Address: 7th Floor, Popular House, Ashram road, Ahmedabad.
16. M/s. N. K. Protein Pvt. Ltd. Address: 7th Floor, Popular House, Ashram road, Ahmedabad.
17.M/s. Dunar Foods Limited. Address: Level 2, Raheja Senter Point, 294 CST Road, Near Mumbai University, Opposite to Bandra- Kurla Complex, Santacruz, East, Mumbai-400098.
18.M/s P. D. Agro. Address: Level 2, Raheja Senter Point, 294 CST Road, Near Mumbai University, Opposite to Bandra- Kurla Complex, Santacruz, East, Mumbai-400098.
19. M/s. Impower Foods & Beverage Private Limited Address: 194, Jorbag, New Delhi 110003.
20. M/s. Mera Baba Realty Associates Private Limited. Address: D. Mall. Netaji Subhash Place, Plot No. A-1, District Center Vajhirpur, Pritampura, Delhi.
21.Mohan India Group. Address: D. Mall. Netaji Subhash Place, Plot No. A-1, District Center Vajhirpur, Pritampura, Delhi.
22.Shri. Vasavi Industries Limited, Address: V.R., Agraharmrajama P. India, Andhra Pradesh 532127
23. M/s. Metkore Alloysis. Address: V.R., Agraharmrajama P. India, Andhra Pradesh 532127
24. M/s. Manan Agro Private Limited, Address: 12, Swastik Chambers, Navjivan Press Road, C. U. Shah Collage, Income Tax, Ahmedabad 380014.
25. M/s. Swastik Overseas. Address: 12, Swastik Chambers, Navjivan Press Road, C. U. Shah Collage, Income Tax, Ahmedabad 380014. Address: 504, Samrat Apartment, Mallinath Park, Chandar Nagar,Paldi, Ahmedabad -7
26. M/s. Ishan Overseas Private Limited, Address: 11 Swastik Chambers, C. U. shah Collage, Navjivan Press Road, Income Tax, Ahmedabad, Gujrat 380014.
27.M/s. My Nutrition Supplement Private Limited, Address: 7B, 7th Floor, Atmaram House, Tolstoy Marg, Delhi-110001
28. M/s Yathuri Associates. Address: 7B, 7th Floor, Atmaram House, Tolstoy Marg, Delhi-110001
29.M/s. Rahul Sales Limited, Address: S. C. O. 151-152, Top Floor, Sector 8 C, Middle Way, Chandigarh 160009
30.M/s. Genex Infratech Limited. Address- 228/D, Industries Area-A, Near Janakpuri Chouk, Ludhiana-141001
31. M/s. A.R.K. Import Pvt.Ltd. Address-228/D, Industries Area-A, Near Janakpuri Chouk, Ludhiana-141001
32.M/s. Vinayak Wool India Pvt. Ltd. Address- 370/F, Chandigad Road, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001
33.M/s. Wastened Yarns Private Limited. Address-370/D, Samrala Chouk, Chandigad Road, Ludhiana, Panjab -141001
34.Shri Jag Mohan. Address: 81, Vaishali, Priram Pura, Delhi-88
35.M/s. Genex Industries Ltd. Address: Village Sseahroahon road, Ludhiana Punjab 141007
36.Shri. Surendra Gupta, Address:Medows 811 Sahara Plaza, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai 59
37.M/s. Bharat Foods and Agro Product, Address: Afjalpur Road, Dhamot Tehsil Payala, Ludhiana
38.M/s. Laxmi Energy and Food Ltd., Address: SCO 18-19, First Floor, Sector 9, D, Middle Way, Chandigarh
39.Shri. Balbir Singh Uppal., Address: SCO 18-19, First Floor, Sector 9, D, Middle Way, Chandigarh
40. M/s. Panjab Greenfield Resources Ltd., Address:Chandigarh, Ludhiana, National Highway, Khamanun 140801
41.Shri. Janak Raj Singh Uppal, Address: Village and Post Khamanun, District Fateh Gadh Sahib,Panjab
42. M/s. Namdhari Food International Pvt. Ltd. Address: Dabwali Road, Shri Jivan Nagar, District, Sirsa, Haryana
43.M/s. Laxmi Overseas Industries Ltd., Address: SCO 18-19, First Floor, Sector 9 D, Middle Way, Chandigarh
44.M/s. White Water Food Private Limited Address: SCO No.25, Sector 26, Madhya Marg, UT Chandigarh.
45. M/s. Micro Enterprises. Address: SCO 91,92,93 Cabin No 17, Ansal Salpark-1, Sector 5, Panchkula Haryana.
46. Shri. Tejinder Kumar So Kartar Chand. Address: 1) SCO-91,92,93, Cabin No. 17, Ansal Salpark-1, Sector-5, Panchkula, Haryana., 2) Ujagar Nagar, H. No. 229/3, Qudian Road, Batala, Dist-. Gurdaspur, Haryana
47. M/s. Aashta Aloycorp Private Limited & Sudev Sarbhadhikhari. Adddress: VillageAswathapuram, Lakshmipuram, Ulindakonda, Dist. Karnool, Andhra Pradesh 5182018
48. Shri Gagan Suri. Address: 101,GHS, 28 Manas devi Complex, sector 5, Panchkula, Haryana.
49.M/s. Lotus Refineries Private Limited. Address: Plot No. 509, Industrial Area, Phase-II, Chandigarh-160002.
50.M/s. Shri. Radhe Trading Company. Address: 4/624, Jaffar Nawaz, Pul sabji Mandi, Saharpur, UttarPradesh - 247001.
51.M/s. Brinda Commodity Private Limited. Address: 406A, D-Mall, Plot No.A-1, Netaji subhas place, Pitampura, New Delhi- 110034
52. M/s. Tavishi Enterprises Private Limited. Address: F-211 Lane W-5/20 Westem Avenue, Sainik Farms, Mehrauli, New Delhi, South Delhi - 110 062
53. Shri. Jay Shankar Shrivastav. Address: 374, Tarun Enclave, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034.
54. Shri. Tejinder Kumar. Address: SCO-91,92,93, Cabin No. 17, Ansal Salpark-1, Sector5, Panchkula, Haryana. 2) Ujagar Nagar, H. No. 229/3, Qudian Road, Batala, Dist-Gurdaspur, Haryana.
55.M/s. Aastha Minmet India Limited. Address; - No. W-204. 2nd, Floor, Sunrise Chambers, Ulsoor Road, Banglore, Karnataka-560042.
56.M/s. Aastha Minmet India Limited NSEL Client Account. Address: No. W-204. 2nd, Floor, Sunrise Chambers, Ulsoor Road, Banglore, Karnataka- 560042
57.Shri. Gagan Suri and Rubi Suri Gagan Suri S/O SN Suri and Rubi Suri. Address: 101,GHS, 28 Manas devi Complex, sector 5, Panchkula, Haryana.
58. Smt. Rajni Agarwal. Address: House No. 526/B, Aggar Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab 141001
59. Shri Anubhav Agarwal. Address: House No. 526/B, Aggar Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab 141001
60. M/s. Aastha Alloy Industries Private Limited. Address: Vill: Aswathapuram, Lakshimipuram Ulindakonda, Dist:Kurnool, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, India - 518218.
-Respondents.

Whereas, the above-named Applicant has filed an application and affidavit under Section 5(3) of The Maharashtra Protection of Interest of Depositors (In Financial Establishments) Act, 1999 in Miscellaneous Application No. 1757 of 2024, along with Government of Maharashtra Notification dated 26th November 2024.
And whereas, notices as to be served through post to the above Respondents at their last known addresses. However, the notices issued to Respondent Nos. 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59 and 60 were returned unserved.
Therefore, public notice is hereby given to the above Respondents to take notice that the said application will be heard by the Hon'ble Designated Court under the MPID Act on: 24/11/2025
Given under seal of this court on 15/10/2025

By Order of the Court,
For Registrar
City Civil & Sessions Court,
Gr. Mumbai

QuoteExpress **IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S DONE** › NELSON MANDELA

A 27-year-old Imam was arrested for allegedly attempting to rape a 22-year-old woman in Veerachozhan, Tamil Nadu, who had visited the mosque seeking spiritual healing. The suspect, Abdul Azeez also attacked her with a knife when she tried to escape

'READY TO MEET MODI IN DELHI'

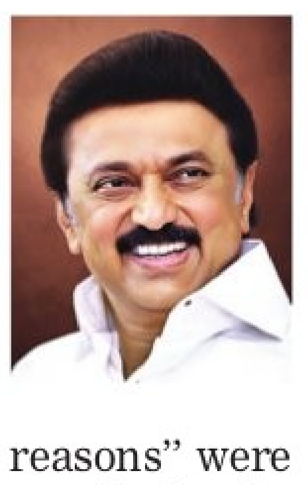
Stalin urges PM to reconsider TN Metro projects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister **MK Stalin** on Saturday wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressing "disappointment and anguish" over the Union Government's rejection of Metro rail proposals for Coimbatore and Madurai.

He also countered the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' (MoHUA) and stated reasons for the rejection, urging reconsideration of the decision. He said that he has directed the Department of Special Initiatives to submit detailed justifications on MoHUA's concerns.

Urging the PM to instruct MoHUA to review its decision, he said, "If necessary, I am ready to meet you at New Delhi with my team to explain the issues in detail." In his letter dated November 22, Stalin said the rejection has created "deep resentment amongst the people of the two cities that their deserving needs have been rejected, as compared to similar projects sanctioned in other States.



Responding to MoHUA's reasons communicated in its letter to the Tamil Nadu government for rejecting the proposals, he said the "purported reasons" were not appropriate. On the population criterion, he pointed out that while the ministry cited the Metro Rail Policy 2017's requirement of 2 million population, Coimbatore's Local Planning Area had exceeded this threshold back in 2011 itself, while Madurai is also likely to have crossed it now.

Stalin highlighted what he termed the selective application of criteria, noting that "if this 2 million criteria had been applied uniformly, many Metros in Tier-II cities like Agra, Indore and Patna may not have materialised." "Further, the DPR studies have made subsequent independent assessments of traffic projections, which justified the need for Metro Rail corridors," he said. Addressing concerns raised over the availability of right of way, the CM said, "It is well known that Metro projects have necessitated acquisition of private lands in most."

BULLET
TRAIN DREAM NEARS REALITY

The proposed 778-km Hyderabad-Chennai high-speed rail corridor, a project that will reshape inter-city travel, has moved a step closer to reality after the South Central Railway submitted the final alignment report to the Tamil Nadu government and sought approvals to keep the survey work on track. I Jayakumar, special officer of the Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority, confirmed TNSE that the state is expected to grant its approval within days. "Once approved, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be finalised within a month," he said. At Tamil Nadu's request, the alignment has been revised to include a station at Tirupati, replacing the earlier plan that passed through Sri City and Gudur, Jayakumar added. The corridor, designed for speeds that will slash the current 12-hour journey to around 2 hours 20 minutes.

Prez: Saints, sages always inspire society

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Puttaparthi

PRESIDENT Droupadi Murmu on Saturday said, "Saints and sages have always guided society through their words and deeds, and among them, Sri Sathya Sai Baba occupies a special place for his lifelong commitment to public welfare."

Participating in a session organised at Prasanthi Nilayam in Puttaparthi as part of the birth centenary celebrations of Sathya Sai, she observed that Baba oriented spirituality toward service, linking it with personal transformation, and inspiring millions to follow the path of selfless service.

She noted that Baba turned ideals into reality through numerous initiatives. She pointed out that the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust continues to provide free and quality education that blends academic excellence with character-building. She also recalled Baba's vision in supplying drinking water to thousands of drought-hit villages, a project that transformed lives across AP, TN and Telangana.

She said Baba's messages "Love All, Serve All" and "Help Ever, Hurt Never" are eternal and universal, and that his five human values — truth, morality, peace, love and non-violence — form a curriculum for humanity across cultures and times.

She said spiritual organisations can play a vital role in supporting the Government of India's efforts to make the country a developed nation by 2047. She urged charitable institutions, NGOs, the private sector, and citizens to contribute to this mission, noting that collective effort would help India achieve its development goals.

President Droupadi Murmu during the centenary celebrations in Puttaparthi

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said Baba's guiding principles remain timeless and relevant. He recalled Baba's monumental drinking water projects across Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana, noting that devotees had come forward with donations when Baba considered pledging Prasanthi Nilayam to fund them.

After launching the Sri Sathya Sai Tribal Women Health Care Programme, the Chief Minister said this initiative focuses on delivering health care, both preventive and curative, to tribal women. This scheme includes providing multi-speciality medical care through telemedicine, medical screening for anaemia, breast and cervical cancer, besides ensuring availability of safe drinking water to them.

EXPRESS READ

Sabari: Rush eases, govt to add spot bookings

Kottayam: Having brought the rush of pilgrims under control, the government on Saturday decided to adjust spot booking at the Sabarimala hill shrine according to daily crowd flow.A high-level meeting convened by Devaswom Minister V N Vasavan in Pampa also decided to increase the number of devotees ascending the holy steps to 85 per minute from the current 75 to let more pilgrims have darshan. To expedite pilgrim movement, it was decided to deploy more experienced police personnel.Spot booking slots were capped at 5,000 until Monday after heavy influx of pilgrims threw crowd control measures haywire on November 18, the second day of the Mandala-Makaravilakku pilgrimage season. Review meetings will be regularly conducted at Pampa and Nilackal.

ISRO to launch heaviest US satellite BlueBird on December 15

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

ISRO will launch the heaviest US commercial communication low-earth orbit satellite, BlueBird-6, from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on December 15.

AST SpaceMobiles Inc, a Texas-based company that has built the space-based cellular broadband network, on Saturday announced.

"When launched, it will feature the largest commercial phased array in low earth orbit at nearly 2,400 sqft. This represents a 3.5 times increase in size over BlueBirds 1-5 and supports ten times the data capacity," it said. ISRO's Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3) rocket, popularly called as Bahubali, will put this satellite into its orbit. The launch is being handled by New Space India Limited (NSIL), which aims at earning revenue for the government through international launch contracts and partnerships.

The 6.5-tonne BlueBird-6 satellite, arrived in India on October 19 from the US. It was later transported by road to Sriharikotta for integration with launcher LVM3, fuelling and final checks ahead of its launch.

With the launch of this satellite, space researchers of the mission aim to provide direct-to-device mobile broadband connectivity, fast and unhindered communication and bridge the digital gap with poor terrestrial networks. With this launch, AST SpaceMobiles will become the second satellite broadband customer to fly on LVM3 after Eutelsat OneWeb.

LVM3 is a three-stage 45.5-metre heavy lift vehicle with a lift-off mass of 640 tonnes. It is capable of placing heavy satellites in the designated orbits of 600km altitude.

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಉಡುಪಿ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರವರಿಂದ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಅನುದಾನದ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಡಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (Standard Tender Documents for Procument of Goods)ನ ನಿಭಂದನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆಯ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು Government of Karnataka e-procurement portal Website https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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1	Tender for Supply, Installation, Maintenance and Commissioning of 200 KW Solar Grid tie System in District Office Complex, Rajathadri, Manipal, Udupi District.	70.00

Tender Shoud coat separatly of each items in website Portal

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State Bank Of India
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch - II

No.44, 1st Floor, Eldams Road,
Teynampet, Chennai -600018.
Email: sbi.70674@sbi.co.in

Authorised Offical's Details Name: Smt. Meenakumari.P - Mobile No: 9790960729

Contact Person: City Case Officer - Name: Shri. Jithin Anto, Mobile: 9043563133

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (See Provisio to Rule 8 (6))

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **State Bank of India,** the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis** on below mentioned dates for the recovery of the dues to the **State Bank of India, SARB II, Chennai** from the Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s) as mentioned below.

Borrowers Name & Address: 1) Mr. Mohan Krishna Urath S/o Mr. Ravindranath Konthath, Address 1: 9010 Sunni Perch Ct, Perry Hall, MD 21128, Post Box 37007, USA. **Address 2:** 707, York Road, Apt.7036, MD 21204-202, Townson, USA. **Address 3:** Pine - 901, L&T Eden Park - Pragnya, M. R. Road, Siruseri Chennai 603103. **Address 4:** M/s Rain Bird Health Care Business Services Pvt Ltd No.2, Wing-A, 1st Floor, Ozone Techno Park,Abu Garden, Navallur, OMR, Chennai-600130. **2) Mrs. Anitha Mohan W/o Mr. Mohan Krishna Urath, Address 1**: 502, Washing Ave Ste 200, Towson, MD 21204, Washington, USA. **Address 2:** Pine -901, L&T Eden Park- Pragnya, M. R. Road, Siruseri Chennai 603103. **Address 3:** Villa no. 58, Type-B, Hebron Enclave, Halehalli Village, T.C.Palya Main Road, Bangalore- 560016. **Address 4:** Urath Villa no. 58, Type-B, Hebron Enclave, Halehalli Village, T.C. Palya Main Road, Bangalore- 560 016.

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 6,61,60,534.00 (Rupees Six crore sixty one lakhs sixty thousand five hundred thirty four only) as on 15.11.2025 with future interest, costs and expenses thereon

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Name of Title Deed Holder : Mr. MOHAN KRISHNA URATH & Mrs. ANITHA MOHAN Schedule " A " Property (Description of the entire Property): All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands bearing Khatha No.91/60, 61,62, 69 totally measuring 11 acres 15 guntas (4,95,495 square feet) comprised in Survey No.60,61,62 & 69 all situated at Halehalli Village, BidarahalliHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore (within the administrative jurisdiction of Avalahalli Village Panchayat) and bounded on the: North by : Lands in Survey No.68 and 33, South by : Lands in Survey No.63 and 77, West by : By Road, East by : Lands in Survey No.34. **Schedule " B " Property (Property hereby conveyed to PURCHASER):** All that piece and parcel of plot bearing No.58 in Project Hebron Enclave situated in Schedule 'A' Property, equivalent to about 7,317 Sq.ft. (6,300 sq. ft. of individual land plot area and common area of 1,017 Sq. ft.) **Schedule " C " Property (Description of the Residential Villa hereby conveyed):** All that Residential Villa bearing No.58 Type B in Project Hebron Enclave comprising of 5 Bed Rooms being constructed on the Schedule Property and measuring about 5,100 Sq. ft. of super built-up area along with right to use the car parking area together with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, garden and other areas of common use, between villas jointly belonging to such other Villa Owners equally and bounded on the: North by : Drive Way, South by : Villa No.59 Type B2 & Villa No.69 Type B1, West by : Drive Way, East by : Drive Way. **Property ID: SBIN200033420148**

Status of Possession : Physical

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 5,70,00,000/- | **EMD ₹ 57,00,000/-** | **BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-**

DATE AND TIME OF INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES: Date: 05.12.2025, Time: 11.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m

Details of the Encumbrances known to the Bank, if any: NIL

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 16.12.2025 | Time: 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM | With auto time extension of 10 minutes each till sale is completed

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor's website **www.bank.sbi & https://baanknet.com**

Date : 17.11.2025,
Place : Chennai

Authorized Officer,
State Bank of India, SARB-II, Chennai

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Vacancy circular for filling up the post of various posts for hiring of Technical Consultants at Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Technology Centre, Bengaluru.

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S.No.	Name of the Position	No. of Consultants
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2	Sr. Mobile Back End Developer	2
3	Principal Architect (UI/UX)	1
4	Data Science Architect	1
5	Technical Consultant - Cloud Computing	1

Eligible individuals should go through the eligibility and responsibilities mentioned in Annexure-A and Annexure-B of detailed Advertisement placed at www.uidai.gov.in under the tab Work with UIDAI / Consultant and email a scanned copy of their duly completed application form at recruitment-tc@uidai.net.in, within 30 days from the date when it is published. Application received after the last date or otherwise found incomplete shall not be considered.

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Mobile No.: 8197025366
Land Line No.: (Office): 080-25943678

Address of the Branch :
Building No.11/90, III Floor, Opp.Trustwell Hospital,
Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bengaluru -560 002
Contact : CCO : Sri. Dayanand M Nagashetty
Mob.: 9008844891. Tel.: 080-2594-3678 / 3663
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APPENDIX-IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

E-AUCTION SALE ON 29/12/2025 - SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Assets Under The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read With Proviso To Rule 8 (6) of The Security Interest(enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgager that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the **Authorized Officer of State Bank of India,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is" and "Whatever There Is"** basis **on 29/12/2025 for recovery Rs.1,50,61,379.00 (Rupees One Crore Fifty Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Nine Only) as on 18.11.2025** and further interest at contractual rate **from 19.11.2025** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the **State Bank of India,** Secured Creditor from the **Borrower Mr. Shyamdev Prasad S/o. Bramdev Pandit**
The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit and Bid Increment Amount will be as under

Property No.	Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increment Amount,	Date &Time of e-Auction of property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Flat No. D-002, SBA 1865 Sq.Ft GF, "Linea Sunflower"	Rs. 90,85,000/-	Rs. 9,85,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	From 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on 29.12.2025	28-12-2025 upto 4:00 PM

SECURED INTEREST

Sl. No.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (Immovable Asset)	Reserve Price (Amt in Rs.)
1.	**Tender No.: SBI/SARB/2025-26/149** **Property ID : 200051384396** **Name of the Title Deed Holder : Mr. Shyamdev Prasad S/o. Bramdev Pandit** **SCHEDULE "A' PROPERTY** All that piece and parcel of the Residential converted land bearing Sy.No. 115/4 (Conversion Order No. BDis:ALN(S)SR(KT)233/2004-05 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, Dated 03.03.2005), in all Measuring 1 Acre & 20 Guntas, Situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under BBMP Limits, vide BBMP Khatha No. 4857/115/4, Ward No. 198, Hemmigepura, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the : **East :** Yelamma Temple and Vidyapeetha land, **West :** Road & Maramma Temple land and remaining portion of land retained by Owner, **North :** Buddanna's land and **South :** K.R. Timmaiah's land and remaining portion of land retained by Owner. **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY** **Flat No. D-002 in Ground Floor** in the Apartment building known as **"LINEA SUNFLOWER"** having a super built up are of **1741 Sq.Ft.,** and containing 3 Bedroom along with an exclusive right to use terrace area **124 Sq.Ft.,** Totally Measuring **1865 Sq.Ft.,** attached to the flat along with One Exclusive right to use of Covered Car Pak bearing No. D-002 (Super Built up Area includes the proportionate share in the Common Area such as Passages, Lobbies, Lifts, Staircase and Other Areas of Common Use). **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY** All that piece and parcel of the undivided share of 857.16 Sq.Ft., in the "A" Schedule Property.	**Rs. 90,85,000/-**

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the **Authorized Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Building No.11/90, III Floor, Opp. Trustwell Hospital, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bengaluru -560 002 Telephone: 080-2594-3678/3663 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, M/s KN Resolutions Pvt Ltd. Representative : Sri. V. Pradeep Kumar, Cell No.: 9535052772**

To the best of knowledge of the Authorized Officer, & as per available information there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **PSB Alliance Pvt Limited, https://baanknet.com and www.sbi.co.in**

NOTE : Sale of property is brought under **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** condition, any dues affecting the property such as Electricity bill, Water bill, pending charges with respect of Association, Transfer of E-Khatha & property tax etc., has to be borne by the auction purchaser.

Date : 18.11.2025
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru.

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TENDER NOTICE NO: 47/2025 Dt.21.10.2025.
SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS
e-Procurement Tender Notice

PUB/1469

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenders Are Requested To Visit The Website **www.ireps.gov.in** And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On **www.ireps.gov.in**."

Tender No.	Brief Description
38252187B	Outer Spring for Casnub 22HS Bogie
30253550	Rubber spring sets for Draw Gear
38252359	Polymer Packing Washer
75251223A	Vinyl coated upholstery fabric (Artificial Leather)
38251147	Wide Jaw Adapter (AAR Standard wide Jaw Class 'E')
29251415	MOH Kit for EP Secheron Contactor
LH257147	Supply, installation commission Ing of interface of fire/smoke detection system
82254944	ZRC for PH (153054) Balloon Expandable Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) Device for Cathlab Use
29251356	Set of Labyrinth and bearing cap
38251154	Spring Plank for Casnub 22HS Bogie
30251106	Rear Cover for Axle Box
66258636	Track Machine Spares of Plasser make
66258126	Procurement of TM Spares
66259370	Procurement of TM Spares
81255002B	Shielding Gas
6025PT030	Glued joint for 60 kg.Rail on PSC sleepers conforming to RDSO Drg.No.T-2572
66259043	Procurement of Track Machine items.

Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening: SL.No.01 on dt.08.12.2025.SL.No. 02 on dt.09.12.2025. SL.No. 03 on dt. 10.12.2025 SL.No.04 to 06 on dt.11.12.2025.SL No.07 &08 on dt 12.12.2025. SL No.09 to12 on dt 15.12.2025 SL No.13 on dt 16.12.2025 SL No.14 &15 on dt 17.12.2025.. SL No.16 on dt.22.12.2025. SL No.17 on dt.23.12.2025

CORRIGENDUM

1)Tender Notice No.46/2025 dt. 14.11.2025 Tender No.SCR-CAP-TR-T25 due on 05.12.2025 Brieff; RC for the supply of TRT spares for IR, make Harsco Rail, USA may be read as Tender no.SCR-CAP-TRT25 instead of existing.

2) Tender Notice No.44/2025 dt. 31.10.2025 Tender No.29255020A due on 21.11.2025 Brieff; Set of electronics cards for E-70 brake system may be read as Due date 28.11.2025 instead of existing

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having **Value Above Rs.50 Lakhs.**

For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above.

Principal Chief Materials Manager/Secunderabad

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is here by informed to the general public that my client **Mrs.Meera Singh S,** D/o. Mr.Krishna Balaji Singh, is the absolute owner and in possession of schedule property mentioned hereunder, However, my client has lost the original sale deed Dated:21.11.1996, document vide Document No.3502/1996-97, Book-I, Volume No.1645, pages 91 to 93, in the office of the Sub -Registrar, Bangalore (South), which were pertains to schedule property.

Therefore, the general public are hereby informed that if any one possess of the aforesaid document and claiming right, title and interest in respect of the property mentioned in the schedule herein below, will amount to fraud, mis-representation and illegal. If any person wants to file objection with regard to above, they may do so within 7 days from the date of the publication to the address given below.

If no objections are received within the said period, it will be treated that there are no claims against the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Apartment bearing **Flat No.236-A, Fourth Floor, 'A' Wing in Building No.2, New BBMP E PID No.2004337070,** Apartment Known as "RANKA COLONY" , Measuring 805 Sq Ft of Super Build Up Area and 431.614 Sq Ft of UDS, constructed on Schedule A Property bearing Sy.No.8/1, 12, 13, 15/1B and 15/2B, at Bilekalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.

A.M.Gajendra, Advocate,
No.2, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Srinivasanagar,
Kathriguppe Main Road, Bangalore-560 085.
Ph. No.-9845562465
Bangalore Dated: 22.11.2025

Tender No. 22A-GSU-25-26-Sr.DEE-M-HYB

PUB/1467

Sr.DEE/M/HYB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following Tenders Closing **date. 18-12-2025, 15:00.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

S.No.: 01 **Description of work:** Tender No. 22A- GSU-25-26-Sr.DEE-M-HYB: Hyderabad Division: SC-MUE: Improvements to Illumination Levels at Passenger Areas including Station Platforms and Station Premises - Electrical arrangements (Left Over Works) **Approx. Cost in (₹):** 3,79,47,912/- **EMD (₹):** 3,39,700/- **Completion period:** 12 Months **Date of Closing:** 18-12-2025

Website particulars: **www.ireps.gov.in**

Notice board Location where complete details of tender can be seen: Office of the Sr.DEE/M/HYB, Hyderabad Bhavan, Secunderabad-500071

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer, Hyderabad

TENDER NOTICE

PUB/1468

On behalf of the President of India, Sr.Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites open tenders for the following works through E-Procurement up to 15.00 Hours 12.12.2025.

S.No.: 01 **Tender No. & Date:** C_SG_36_578 Dt: 21.11.2025 Closing Dt:12.12.2025 **Name of the work:** South Central Railway-Augmention and Up gradation of Telecom infrastructure over Indian Railways: Up gradation and Strengthening of LAN infrastructure and Telecom network facility at sub division offices, OFC huts and SSE Offices over SC division. (IRPSM ID.11.05.33.24.3.54.018) **Approx Value (₹):** 5,25,56.623.94 **Bid security/EMD (₹):** 4,12,800/-

For further details visit the website **www.ireps.gov.in;** Bid security/EMD to be paid as per GCC 2022

*As per IRSGCC-2022, e-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. (Ref:IRGCC 2022 part-I, Clause-3

Sr.Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/Co-ord/ Secunderabad

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THE THIRD EYE

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INDIA has the right to expect not a series of recommendations framed in the light of the existing crisis, but a considered programme for development of labour policy. Thus spoke the Royal Commission of Labour in India in 1931.

The piety was waylaid since independence. India got commissions, recommendations, and many laws—over 100 state and 40 central laws—for protecting workers' interests. The irony is embedded in data. Only 50 crore of the over 80 crore in the 15-64 age cohort are in the labour force, with barely one in 10 employed in the formal sector.

This week, the government took a significant step, unveiling four new codes for labour by rationalising 29 central laws. It cuts the number of rules from 1,436 to 351, filing of returns from 31 to one, and eases the pain of compliance. Much depends on the quality of the rules' framing, which is expected in the next 45 days for the system to be operational by April 2026.

The journey of the reform merits attention. In the 2017 Budget, Arun Jaitley announced, "Legislative reforms will be undertaken to simplify, rationalise, and amalgamate the existing labour laws into four codes." Although the amalgamation was completed by 2020, adoption by states was stranded between the babudom in Delhi and in state capitals, and electoral considerations over five years.

The fact that a coalition with a majority in parliament for over 10 years and in power in 15-odd states struggled to push reforms illuminates the strong consensus for weak reforms across political parties. The push—catalysed by the Trump tariff tantrum—arrives at a critical intersection. Foreign direct investment into India has been tepid. Private investment is poor—corporates prefer to be in cash, maybe because of uncertainty, maybe pessimism.

As global disruptions threaten business models and job creation, structural flexibility is critical. Fixed-term contracts (with benefits) afford options of costs and tenure for employers and employees. What is seen as a fixed cost by companies can well be a variable cost. The promise of funds for skilling, work-from-home provisions, provisions for women and gig workers should boost formalisation.

There are gaps. The new template promises a universal minimum wage for organised and unorganised sectors and a national floor below which no state can fix wages. India has had a sketchy record on fixing a national floor wage. Since 2018, there have been three committees, including one which recommended ₹375 as the minimum daily wage, and the government is appointing one more now.

The quest for investment-led growth demands that momentum and motivation for reforms must be leveraged. India's power sector is a mess of multiple tariffs, cross-subsidies, and inefficiencies. The state power distribution companies do not collect dues on a sixth of the power generated—do the math for 16 percent of 1,693 billion units. The revenue gap is ₹3 lakh crore and accumulated losses are now at ₹7.04 lakh crore. Thanks to unfunded free power to farmers and households, discoms charge higher from those who pay. The tariff—which is higher than, say, Vietnam or Indonesia—hurts India's investment prospects.

A new bailout is on the anvil strapped to the New Electricity Bill of 2025. The 2001 bailout cost the government ₹35,000 crore. In 2012, ₹1.5 lakh crore owed by discoms to banks was shifted to states. In 2015, under the Uday scheme, debt of ₹4.3 lakh crore was parcelled to the Centre and states. The 2025 bailout bill starts at ₹1.1 lakh crore. It promises all that was promised in the previous bailouts too—cost-reflective tariff, open distribution, and transparency on subsidies. Real change requires shifting to a system of prepaid coupons or direct benefit payments for farmers and households. Let the states show it in their books.

Yes, India is the fastest-growing economy, but speed must be accompanied by quality of life. An urban India gasping for breath in winter, wading through water in monsoon, and commuting for hours through bad roads reflects systemic apathy. For over three decades, the promise of the 74th constitutional amendment—transfer of funds and functions to urban bodies—has been hijacked by politics. Fixing the mess is both a human and an economic imperative—urbanisation is a proven growth multiplier.

Investors domestic and global expect timely justice. They are haunted by delays in the judicial system to get contracts enforced. There are over 5.4 crore cases pending across courts—4.77 core cases in the lower courts, 63.78 lakh cases in high courts, and 90,225 cases in the Supreme Court. The pendency is aggravated by unfilled posts for judges and court capacity. Fixing this mayhem would be a major reform.

India needs to redo its regulatory plumbing clogged by a plethora of registrations and compliances. It needs a common identity readable across levels of government for regulators to access underlying compliances. Do a flowchart of clearances by department and geography, and shrink the permission raj and the attendant corruption.

India's 146-crore consumers' domestic market and a young workforce are definite draws for global investors. Reforms pushed in recent months—the GST rate restructuring, the revocation of quality control orders, the new labour codes—have the world's attention. That said, in Robert Frost's words, there are miles to go and much left to be done.

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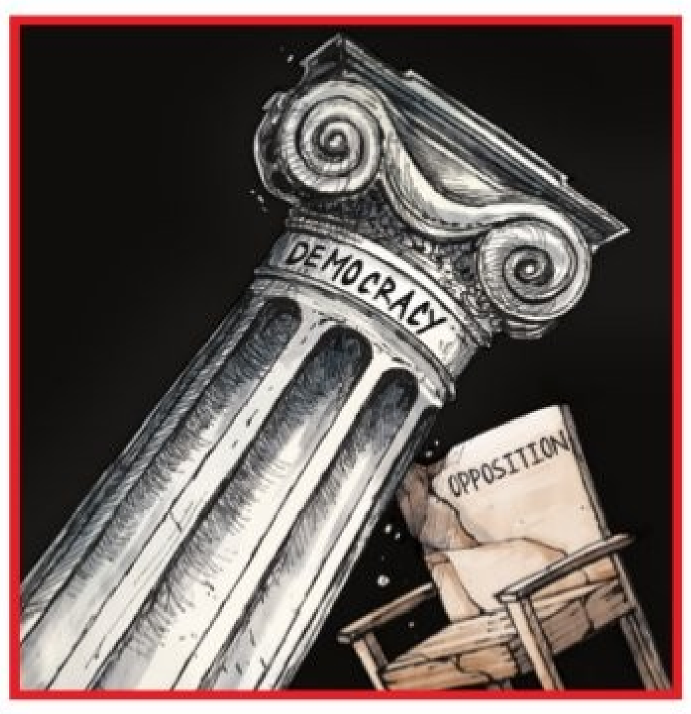
DEMOCRACY does not collapse with a bang. It withers in silence when its challengers forget how to fight. The Bihar debacle has not merely cost the opposition a state; it has stripped Indian democracy of a viable opposition. The verdict has come like a cold slap across the face of the INDIA bloc, not because it is unexpected, but because it is humiliating in its clarity. A vast political experiment that promised reinvention has stumbled again into its familiar abyss of disunity and personality battles.

The Bihar election was no routine loss. It exposed the hollowness of the opposition's promise and the absence of a voice that could ignite mass hope. This defeat is not just about one state. It is a signal flare illuminating a larger national tragedy: India currently has no viable opposition capable of countering the mighty BJP. This vacuum is dangerously deepening.

In Bihar, there was no single face, and no coherent message. The message of survival eclipsed the message of change. The BJP did not need to boast about its national strength. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mesmerising messages and missionary commitment alone dominated the narrative as a mask of order and certainty. It is astonishing because Bihar is a land that once gave India the greatest political uprising against concentrated power during the Emergency. Today, that same land watches parties fight like feral siblings defending shrinking fiefdoms. Leaders who cannot unite their own cadres are dreaming of uniting the nation.

Sadly, the opposition hasn't learnt lessons from the past. There were times when opposition was not built through press conferences and social media outrage, but through blood, prison, sacrifice, and a cause larger than individual ambition. There was a time when Indira Gandhi appeared invincible. Yet opposition emerged not from one party, but from a movement. Jayaprakash Narayan—aged, frail, with no aspiration for office—walked into history with nothing but moral courage. He united socialists, communists, conservatives, farmer unions, labour activists, students, and raucous regional chiefs into one mighty wave that toppled a political empire. Those who joined him were not seeking portfolios. They were staking futures.



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Contrast that with today's opposition leaders, many of whom behave more like shareholders of personal political enterprises than custodians of a public cause. Most negotiations in the INDIA bloc are about seats, not mission. The opposition is dividing states by territory, as if national politics is a map for private distribution. Even in defeat, the leaders remain guarded about their turf. Parties fear losing relevance more than losing elections.

In the 1980s, when Rajiv Gandhi was swept into power on a wave of sympathy after the assassination of Indira Gandhi, it seemed that no force could challenge the young leader backed by a massive parliamentary majority. Yet V P Singh rebelled and emerged, not through inheritance or entitlement, but through his stand against corruption. His revolt did not start in backroom strategy sessions. He carried with him local titans like Devi Lal and Mulayam Singh Yadav, and farmers who could paralyse highways, and socialist organisers who could fill town squares overnight. Leaders like M Karunanidhi in Tamil Nadu or N T Rama Rao in Andhra Pradesh, and Jyoti Basu in West Bengal did not plead for national attention; they commanded it by virtue of popular followings and a pan-India appeal. They defended their states fiercely, but were willing to align nationally when it resonated with public need.

Today, no such figures dominate the stage. India politics is plagued with a leadership famine. There is leadership, but no gravity. There are slogans, but no spark. The decline of the Left has left a void in ideological discourse. Even where popular parties remain strong, their leaders are insulated by ambition. Mamata Banerjee fights Delhi only when it threatens Kolkata. K Chandrasekhar Rao narrates Telangana pride but refuses to meld it into a broader national democratic project. Akhilesh Yadav guards Uttar Pradesh like an heirloom and avoids larger coalition leadership. The Aam Aadmi Party tries to monopolise its own brand rather than accept a common umbrella. Every leader seeks unity, but under their personal flag.

In this vacuum, the BJP enjoys a monopoly without effort. Its organisational machinery marches without fatigue. Its central face towers above regional leaders and its narrative is simple, consistent, and constantly broadcast: stability, nationalism, development, security. The opposition offers no counter-vision, only counter-commentary.

The implications of such dominance are serious. A democracy without a viable opposition risks losing its reflexes. When one party becomes the centre of gravity, institutions deform toward it. Bureaucracy bends. Investigation agencies chase selective targets. Media amplifies power in exchange for access. Economic oligarchies flourish under political monopolies. Social polarisation becomes a convenient instrument, not a last resort. When people no longer see alternatives, they stop demanding accountability. Leaders begin to believe they embody the will of the nation.

India has seen such concentration before, and challenged it before. But challenges did not come from weak alliances stitched for electoral arithmetic. They arose from a moral summons that forced ordinary citizens into collective action. JP was not charismatic in the modern media sense; V P Singh was not a mass orator. What they possessed was legitimacy. They generated trust. Trust turned into momentum, which turned into regime change.

If the opposition today seeks resurrection, it cannot rely on dynastic claims, personality cults, defensive coalitions, grievance rhetoric, or part-time politicians. It must rediscover the spirit of political movement rather than political management. It requires a leader—or a collective of leaders—whose legitimacy does not depend on position but on sacrifice. Someone who can speak for unemployed youth with authenticity, for marginal farmers with lived empathy, for women, workers, for constitutional institutions facing erosion, and minorities not as voters but as citizens deserving rights.

That leadership must emerge from below, not from drawing rooms or a dynasty. It must be willing to challenge state excess on the streets, not just inside television studios. It must accept that opposition is not an election strategy; it is a constitutional responsibility. The future of India's opposition depends on whether it can abandon short-term territorial insecurity and cultivate a shared ideological horizon. If it fails, the democratic ecosystem will continue to erode, leaving the BJP and Modi unchallenged as default rulers of Indian destiny. India's democracy cannot function on a single epic narrative forever. For the health of a *viksit* and *surakshit* Bharat, another narrative must appear. For now, that narrative has no author. Until someone rises with conviction greater than ambition, the story of opposition will remain a story of an avoidable and abominable defeat.

FROM CHIC AND CHICORY TO CHIKIRI CHIKIRI

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SOME films arrive like VVIPs at an election rally. All pomp and entitlement. Others, like *Peddi*, wander in like a gaily-coloured street drummer—kicking up dust, making up for the lack of hoardings and arranged crowds with sheer life and loud self-declaration. People form circles around them, unable to resist the charm. Ram Charan's latest is the latter kind of storm. Within hours of landfall, it had all of South Asia spinning around in a blender, forgetting its billion woes, instantly magnetised by '*Chikiri Chikiri*'—Sridevi's daughter catching the vibe as if she's finally shrugged off the weight of inheritance and discovered the freedom of movement.

It was a quake with many epicentres. Kadapa to Colombo, Karachi to Kathmandu—every *kasba* was rocking to its own bootleg. Bengaluru techies are practising footwork between Jira updates. Dhaka schoolgirls have adopted it as their recess-time anthem. Then Tamil aunties in Singapore started recording reels like college kids. '*Chikiri Chikiri*' soon mutated, like a superbug pouncing in from some primeval forest, into a transcontinental contagion. Because, why not? The internet likes chaos, and nobody does that better than India. Now, Korean teens are uploading impromptu flash mob versions, as if '*Chikiri Chikiri*' was always meant for their razor-cut K-pop looks! It's escaped the subcontinent without bothering to check out.

We've seen these eruptions before. Our bloodstream carries strong memories of being colonised by *Pushpa*—a swaggering epic of the underdog that refused to be tamed by the dictates of 'good taste'. Allu Arjun, Rashmika… for a while, we were all covered in that red earth, like dappu drummers in a Rayalaseema village.

Peddi is from that same soil—the 'non-elite' DNA of popular Indian cinema.

These are not just cinematic events. They are political markers. They tell us, often earlier than pollsters do, where India's inner ground is shifting.

For over three decades now, the grammar of Indian politics has been changing—2014 was no lightning strike; it was scripted to ride a long, rumbling subaltern tide. For years before that, the old custodians—the pedigreed, permanently-in-government babu class—had found the floor wobbling under their curated carpets. The saffronistas were just quick to spot it and launch a marketable version.

The superhit from *Peddi* carries the energy of a loud, impatient country. The subaltern age is already here, shooting endless reels. These are not just cinematic events—they are political markers

Now, even those who once inherited power like family silver are scrambling to cosplay subaltern grit. Rahul Gandhi has a bit of his father's pre-political avatar in him, a way with those things where the manual meets the mechanical. But all that jumping into rivers with fishermen, painting walls with daily-wage masons, lending a hand to carpenters—that's perspiration rediscovered in the self, and recast as performative political language.

Others are to the manner born, natives to the terrain. Mamata Di was an early avatar. Proletarian in practice, not just theory. Long before 'authenticity' became a branding strategy, she marched across Bengal in rubber slippers and wiped Left aristocrats like Jyoti Basu and their red-label kingdoms clean off the map. Before her, there were the autochthones. Not city grunge artistes, but real country wrestlers with their mudgars and earthy witticisms. The Mulayams and the Lalus, the pioneers.

Meanwhile, in our proletarianised present, poor Shashi Tharoor, armed only with clipped English and Fabindia kurtas, seems genuinely baffled. And old dyed-in-wool Congressis—who assumed they were born to be in the Rajya Sabha—are sulking like theatre actors denied a part.

This is where the country is at. Those once kept outside the soundproof Chatham Houses of the elite now control the volume knob. Their idioms are loud, impatient, and do not carry English subtitles. You either get '*Chikiri Chikiri*' or you don't.

Ram Charan's character, like Pushpa's, carries that energy. *Peddi* isn't trying to be chic. It only wants to be pulsing with unruly joy, like a village fair that won't make it to the Condé Nast Top 50 and doesn't care. It may have all the elegance of a truck reversing in monsoon slush. That's why it works. It's people music, it swings hard, it takes us to the jungle, it's mad enough to make us hop like rabbits, if our knees permit. For a while, it makes us forget the per capita GDP.

Though let's not romanticise too much: 'people-friendly' is now a lucrative commodity, complete with marketing playbooks and algorithms. Authenticity trends, so trends pass off as authentic.

But they do tap into some hidden mother lode. South Asia, long conditioned to mimic Western templates, now produces beats that need no World Bank grant. It's *sui generis*, internal and newly self-assured—occasionally overconfident, like a teenager who's just discovered protein shakes.

The subaltern age isn't a future messiah. It's already here—shooting endless reels. Will '*Chikiri Chikiri*' vanish as fast as it exploded? Probably. Once there was a '*Kolaveri Di*'. Remember? But that misses the point. Earlier, Indian cinema observed such characters like anthropological specimens. "Them". Today, they're "us".

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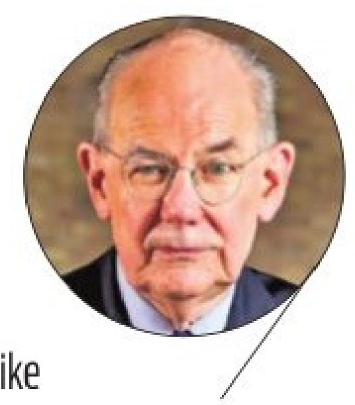

The resolution is disgraceful... You have the two states which have been executing the genocide, the US and Israel, in charge, while the victims, the Palestinians, who are hoping for some form of self-determination, will get none. They're going be treated like colonial victims, people who need guardianship to run them. It's hard to believe that in 2025 this is where we're at.

John Mearsheimer, Distinguished Service Professor at Chicago University on the Security Council clearing an International Stabilization Force for Gaza

We don't go into a meeting where we just do this dog-and-pony show, exchange memorandums, take a nice picture, and then forget.

Nara Lokesh, Andhra Pradesh IT minister, on $120-bn investment pledges

I refuse to be a battered wife hoping it all goes away and gets better.

Marjorie Taylor Greene, MAGA leader announcing resignation from the US Congress, after a public spat with Donald Trump

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Delay reasons

Ref: *States stuck with guv delays* (Nov 22). The five judges' agreement on the Presidential reference followed constitutional order. The Tamil Nadu governor's reasons for returning bills or referring them that were not made apparent. If made public, the people who have the right to know can draw their own conclusions. It would avoid the issue from being used as political leverage, with parties blaming others and dragging the judiciary into it.

C P Rabindranath, Paravai

Insufficient advisory

The Supreme Court acknowledges that governors' delays undermine federalism, yet its advisory opinion offers no substantive remedy. Institutional inaction leaves the system just as stalled as the pending bills. If the courts won't act, must not lawmakers set binding timelines?

Resham Khan, Dehradun

Guild gripe

Ref: *Unions growl, India Inc weighs 4 labour codes* (Nov 22). The four labour codes will benefit both permanent and contract employees, and move towards equal remuneration for male and female employees. Social security, safety at workplace, and employee rights will be protected. But it won't be better for labour unions, as their grip over labourers will be reduced as a result.

Jishi R, Kollam

Unbearable pressure

Ref: *Teacher dies by suicide due to SIR workload* (Nov 22). It is very painful to know of schoolteacher Arvind Mulji Vandher's death near Ahmedabad. Those assigned for special intensive revision duties as booth level officers should be protected by the government, which must comprehensively act against the pressure on them. The strategy should focus on immediate workload reduction, systemic reform of non-academic duties, and comprehensive mental health support. The primary cause of stress—SIR duties—must be addressed immediately in order to avoid repetition in other states.

V K S Krishnan, Kumbakonam

Noble nuptial

Ref: *A wedding against all odds* (Nov 21). The marriage, it seems, was destined to be solemnised and the bridegroom proved it by promptly tying the knot at the hospital bedside of his seriously-injured bride. This noble gesture truly deserves appreciation. May the injured bride regain her health at the earliest, and may the couple be blessed with lifelong conjugal happiness.

Kelath Gopakumar Menon, Thrissur

Wrong picks

Ref: *India A ousted after Super Over loss* (Nov 22). It is really painful to know that India A team paid a heavy price for clumsy batting and bowling to succumb to Bangladesh A in the semi-finals. No doubt, our bowlers faltered. But it was a folly of our captain and coach to overlook a dynamic batsman like Suryavanshi for the Super Over. Hope the cricket board takes corrective steps to coach the coaches to be unbiased while selecting the playing XI.

N Mahadevan, Chennai

Usury concern

Ref: *Moneylenders harass man to suicide* (Nov 22). Being fully aware of the risks involved, private moneylenders provide fast loans on flexible terms to hard-pressed individuals who do not qualify for traditional bank loans. When borrowers default, the moneylenders cannot take the law into their own hands to pester and harass their customers.

Doddi Vishnu Sankara Rao, Hyderabad

Tiger habitats

Ref: *Are tigers trying to reclaim their territory in Karnataka?* (*Xplore*, Nov 22) Long-term habitat improvement, strict regulation of tourism and illegal activities, and prompt compensation to win villagers' trust are vital for sustainable coexistence with tigers. The senior officials agree that urgent, well-documented interventions and consistent field presence are keys to addressing the complex issue.

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
Mr Gyanesh Kumar @ECISVEEP you are responsible for aiding & abetting the suicide of BLO Rinku Tarafdar, 52 , who took her own life last night.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
You are LYING again — twisting facts, misusing your corrupt and pliable administration to plant fake stories, and shedding crocodile tears for BLOs.

Supriya Shrinate @SupriyaShrinate
272 'prestigious' individuals in Category 3 who condemned the Leader of the Opposition @RahulGandhi joined BJP, affiliated with the Sangh, corrupt

G20 declaration condemns terror

Document advances Global South agenda, highlights gravity of climate change; US miffed

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

THE Group of 20 leaders' summit in South Africa on Saturday adopted a sweeping declaration that condemned terrorism "in all its forms and manifestations" and advanced a strong Global South agenda, continuity from India's 2023 G20 presidency.

But the adoption came with high political drama, after the communique was drafted without US participation, prompting a White House official to call the move "shameful."

Despite Washington repeatedly resisting under the Trump administration, the declaration highlights the gravity of climate change, calls for ambitious renewable-energy targets and flags the crippling debt burdens of developing nations. US President Donald Trump had signalled he would oppose any reference to climate change. Yet the text reflected deeper geopolitical rifts. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen warned of "the weaponisation of dependencies," signalling unease over growing strategic vulnerabilities within global supply chains.

For India, the declaration marked many of its priorities getting reflected. New Delhi's priorities centered on the Global South were carried forward in multiple sections. The communique condemned terrorism unequivocally, reiterated the transformative potential of digital public infrastructure, affirmed safe, secure and trustworthy AI, and pushed strong language on women's empowerment, echoing India's women-led development agenda.

"We reaffirm the G20 AI principles and recall the New Delhi and Rio de Janeiro Leaders' Declaration on our commitments to harness the potential of digital and emerging technologies including AI. We will work to promote international cooperation and further discussions to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably..," the declaration said.

South Africa's presidency reinforced disaster-risk reduction efforts initiated under India, while the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure won renewed recognition. The Deccan High-Level Principles on Food Security were restated, and traditional and complementary medicine found mention once again.

One of the most significant gains came on climate finance: the declaration recognised the need to scale funding from "billions to trillions" and estimated developing-country requirements at USD 5.8–5.9 trillion before 2030. It also endorsed sustainable consumption patterns and India's LiFE agenda.

Modi meets world leaders on Joburg summit sidelines

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday held a series of bilateral meetings with world leaders on the sidelines of the G20 Leaders' Summit in Johannesburg. Modi met UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, French President Emmanuel Macron, South Korean President Lee Jae-myung, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and UN Secretary-General António Guterres during the day-long interactions at the summit hosted by South Africa.

India, Canada, Australia unveil tech blueprint

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday announced the launch of a new trilateral initiative, the Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) Partnership, following a meeting with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Johannesburg.

"Had an excellent meeting with Anthony Albanese, PM of Australia, and Mark Carney, PM of Canada on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Johannesburg. We are delighted to announce an Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) Partnership today," Modi said in a post on X.

Modi said the initiative would deepen cooperation among the three democratic nations. "The initiative will deepen collaboration between democratic partners across three continents and three oceans in emerging technologies, support diversification of supply chains, clean energy and mass adoption of AI," he added.

Concern over radicalisation of Indian students in B'desh

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- Number of Indian medical students studying in Bangladesh in 2024: **Over 8,000**
- Medical colleges where they are pursuing medicine: Dhaka, Sylheti, Rajshahi and Chittagong
- Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh and Tablighi offshoots organise student-specific (Ishtima) meets
- These meets attract over **2-3 lakh** youth annually including Indian and other foreign students
- Radical groups take care of those who attend such meets, provide many local concessions
- Intelligence inputs suggest recruiters use these meets for radicalising youth
- ISI handlers have re-established their communication channels with radical clerics

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

POSSIBLE radicalisation of Indian students studying in Bangladesh may soon emerge as a major security concern for India, sources in the intelligence agencies said on Saturday.

According to the sources, over 8,000 Indian medical students were studying in Bangladesh at the time when the country went through a political crisis in 2024 that led to the ouster of then Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Inputs emerging from the neighbouring country suggest that there are a number of the students studying across Dhaka, Sylheti, Rajshahi and Chittagong medical colleges, and they have become the target of ideological grooming by radical elements, who received prominence in the country since PM Hasina was ousted from power, the sources said.

A senior intelligence official said, "After Hasina, Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh and its student wing, Chatra Shibir, have re-entered campuses. The Chatra Shibir controls student hostels, prayer groups and weekend camps in the Faridpur, Mirpur and Uttara medical zones. These medical colleges are serving as ideological moorings for Indian and Nepali students."

According to the sources, indications are there that smaller student-specific (Ishtima) congregations attract over 2-3 lakh youth annually, and these include Indian and foreign students, who attend such meetings, as they are taken care of by the radical groups with many local concessions.

According to intelligence inputs, recruiters from Jamaat and Tablighi offshoots use these congregations for radicalising youth, and the ISI handlers have re-established their communication channels with radical clerics. The main motive of this is to use Jamaat networks to influence student opinion, they added.

The ISI and Jamaat feed anti-India narratives through scholarships, religious orientation sessions, and digital forums, a source said, adding, "The JMB and IS-Bangla units have started online propaganda on Telegram and encrypted apps after Hasina left."

On August 5, 2024, a student-led protest in Bangladesh over government job quotas escalated into nationwide unrest that led to the ouster of the Hasina government. Protests had converged on the streets of the capital, Dhaka, and the official residence of the then prime minister. Security forces informed Hasina that they were overwhelmed – "nearly exhausted of manpower/ammunition" – leading to Hasina fleeing Bangladesh via military helicopter, ending her rule of about 15 years.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Hasina was sentenced to death by a Bangladesh tribunal for crimes against humanity. This landmark verdict has ignited intense discussions across the region, particularly focusing on the diplomatic tensions between India and Bangladesh. At the heart of the debate is Dhaka's persistent demand for Hasina's extradition from India, where she has sought refuge.

In a statement issued from hiding in India, Hasina said the death verdict announced against her has been made by a rigged tribunal established and presided over by an unelected government with no democratic mandate.

ANMOL BISHNOI

THE PHANTOM TRIGGER-MAN

HARPREET BAJWA

IN the long reach of the Bishnoi crime syndicate, Anmol Bishnoi, by 24, had grown into the quiet operator who, investigators say, had by degrees slipped into the role of the "de facto" runner of the gang of his elder brother, Lawrence.

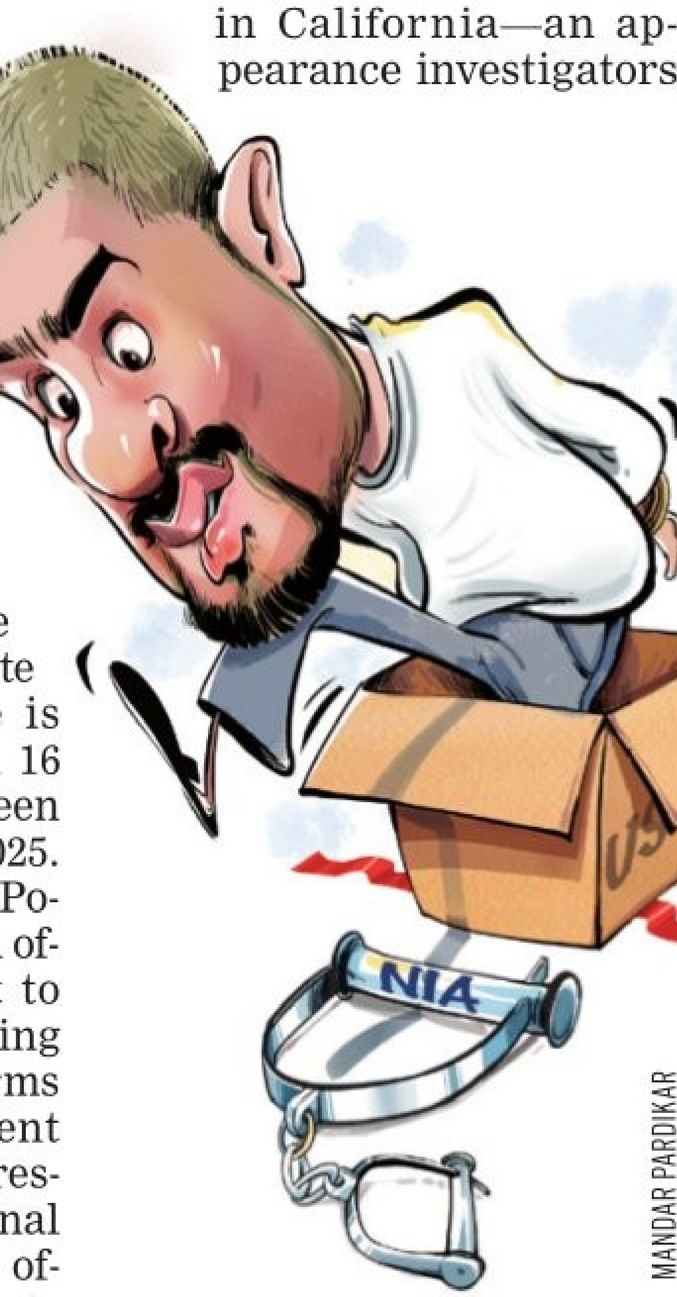
Born in 1999 in Dutarawali village in Fazilka district of Punjab, he learned early the workings of a criminal nexus that linked local violence to international networks. Now in the custody of the National Investigation Agency after being deported from the US, he faces a dossier that has followed him across continents.

His dossier sketches a steady trajectory. Lawrence sent Anmol to Jodhpur for studies in 2016 after Anmol had studied in Abohar earlier, but problems followed him there as well. During that time, three cases of assault and illegal arms were registered against him. State police records show he is named as an accused in 16 FIRs across Punjab between October 2012 and July 2025. The first, at Abohar City Police Station in 2012, named offences included attempt to murder, voluntarily causing grievous injury and the Arms Act violations. Subsequent FIRs charged him with trespass, theft, forgery, criminal conspiracy, extortion and offences under the Passports Act; a court later issued open warrants.

Investigators say he was "principal overseas handler," directing extortion rackets, issuing threats and coordinating assignments through encrypted channels. The NIA maintains that Anmol continued to "run terror syndicates" and execute terrorist acts from the US for the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, using its operatives on the ground. From abroad, he is accused of managing shooters, arranging logistics, and keeping the machinery of intimidation active despite distance.

Travel and false identities were central to his movements. Punjab Police informed the Intelligence Bureau on June 15, 2022, that Anmol had slipped out of the country by flying from Jaipur to Dubai, then to Kenya, and finally to the US. He travelled on a fake passport issued in the name of Bhanu Pratap, with Rakesh as the father's name. His real father is Lovinder Bishnoi. In October last year, the NIA added him to India's "most wanted" list and announced a reward of ₹10 lakh for information leading to his arrest. He was arrested in Sacramento, California, in November last year for entering the country on illegal documents and was kept under an ankle monitor, a GPS-based tracking device used in court-ordered surveillance cases.

He did not always stay hidden. In April 2023, he was spotted at a Punjabi wedding in California—an appearance investigators later cited as evidence of the confidence he placed in multiple identities and the safe houses that supported him abroad.



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The dossier maps a network that crosses continents. It names members in the US, Portugal, Italy, Bulgaria, Turkey and the UAE. Some 18 of Anmol's known aides are currently abroad, including Godly Brar and 9 others who recently fled India, assuming fake identities and using fake passports. Investigators say he allegedly made extortion calls to businessmen through WhatsApp, Signal and VOIP (VPN). In cases where ransom was not paid, they contend, gang members were sent and shots were fired.

Authorities say shelter, weapons and movement were arranged for operatives who carried out attacks in India. Investigations revealed that he provided shelter and logistical support to the gang's shooters and operatives, and engaged in extortion in India from foreign soil with the help of other gangsters. His presence overseas, the NIA argues, helped the syndicate build links with criminal groups across West Asia, East Africa and North America.

The allegations tie him to some of the gang's most notorious acts. The dossier suggests he coordinated the plot that led to the killing of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala near Moosa village in Mansa district on May 29, 2022, providing weapons and support "on his behest." The NIA charge-sheet in March 2023 said he had actively aided designated individual terrorist Goldy Brar and Lawrence Bishnoi in the commission of various acts of terrorism in the country during the 2020–2023 period.

His name also surfaced in brazen attacks in Mumbai. On April 14 last year, two individuals fired outside Salman Khan's home in Bandra; Anmol claimed responsibility on Facebook. A charge sheet later said planning had been going on since August 2023 and that Bishnoi delivered a nine-minute speech to motivate the shooters, telling them they were going to "make history." Three months later, on October 12, the killing of Nationalist Congress Party leader and former Maharashtra minister Baba Siddique outside the office of his son in Bandra led investigators to name Anmol as "the plotter." Some 26 people allegedly connected to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang have been arrested in that case, and the Mumbai Police invoked the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act.

Absconding since 2022, Anmol became the 19th accused to be arrested in connection with the terror-syndicate led by Lawrence. The NIA's narrative presents him as a young man who learned the trade, moved quickly and believed distance and forged identities could shield him. Now, in custody, the fragments of his journey—forged passports, FIRs, and intercepted messages—form the record.

EXPRESS READ

Op Sindoor showed synergy: Army Chief

Operation Sindoor was a "trusted orchestra" where every musician played a "simultaneous or synergistic role", and that is how in 22 minutes, the Indian armed forces could destroy nine terrorist targets, Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi said on Saturday. He said the military operation reflected a "foresight" to anticipate change.

Kashi Tamil Sangamam from Dec 2

The fourth edition of the cultural and educational exchange programme Kashi Tamil Sangamam will be held from December 2, the education ministry said on Saturday. This year's major highlights include the valedictory function at Rameswaram, marking the culmination of the event, and launch of Tamil Karpom.

Oppn says new labour codes seek to dilute and abolish existing rights

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A day after the Centre notified the four new Labour Codes, opposition parties tore into the government saying that the codes seek to dilute and abolish long-established existing rights and entitlements and shift the balance sharply in favour of employers.

Targeting the government, Congress general secretary, communications, Jairam Ramesh, said the 29 existing labour-related laws have been re-packaged into the four Codes and are being marketed as some revolutionary reform when even the Rules are yet to be notified.

He said the Modi government must ensure a national minimum wage of ₹400 a day, ₹25 lakh universal health coverage, and an employment guarantee act for Indian workers in urban areas to make "Shramik Nyay" a reality under the much-touted new labour codes.

"But will these codes make these 5 essential demands of India's workers for Shramik Nyay a reality? National minimum wage at ₹400 per day, including MGNREGA, the Right to Health law will provide universal health coverage of ₹25 lakhs, Employment Guarantee Act for urban areas, comprehensive social security for all unorganised workers, including life insurance and accident insurance, and a commitment to stop contractualisation of employment in core Government functions ," Ramesh said in a post on X.

In a statement, the CPI (M) said the Labour Codes dismantle 29 hard-won labour laws that have, till now, protected the workers to some extent.

"Despite many limitations, to an extent the wages, working hours, social security, industrial safety, inspection–compliance mechanisms, and collective bargaining were in place. Instead of simplification, the new Codes seek to dilute and abolish long-established existing rights and entitlements and shift the balance sharply in favour of employers," it said.

The party further said the government's claim that the Labour Codes will boost employment and investment is completely baseless.

Civil N-bill among 10 legislations in winter session

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A Bill seeking to open up the civil nuclear sector for private players and a proposed law on Higher Education are among the ten new proposed legislations listed by the government for introduction in the winter session of Parliament, beginning December 1.

Besides the crucial 'The Atomic Energy Bill, 2025', which seeks to govern the use and regulation of atomic energy in India, the Higher Education Commission of India Bill is also on the agenda.

For a long time, the government has been planning to amend the Atomic Energy Act to allow private sector participation and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act to limit the liability on suppliers of equipment to build atomic energy plants. In her budget speech in February this year, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said that development of at least 100 gigawatts (GW) of nuclear energy by 2047 is essential for India's energy transition efforts, and "for an active partnership with the private sector towards this goal, amendments to the Atomic Energy Act and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act (CLNDA) will be taken up."

The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited operates atomic power plants across the country that contribute 8.7 GWe to the country's energy mix. Foreign nuclear power firms had evinced interest in setting up atomic power plants in India after it secured a waiver from the Nuclear Suppliers Group to engage in global nuclear trade. The NSG waiver came after the landmark India-US civil nuclear deal of 2008.

However, the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act of 2010 proved to be an impediment for private sector participation. The private sector termed certain provisions of the law unacceptable and contradicted the international Convention for Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage (CSC).

According to a Lok Sabha bulletin, the proposed law seeks to set up a Higher Education Commission of India to facilitate universities and other higher educational institutes to promote excellence through a robust and transparent system of accreditation and autonomy.It has long been on the government's agenda.

The National Highways (Amendment) Bill, also listed for introduction, seeks to ensure faster and transparent land acquisition for national highways. Another proposed legislation is the Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which aims at tweaking the Companies Act, 2013 and LLP Act, 2008.

THE ATOMIC ENERGY BILL, 2025
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HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION OF INDIA BILL
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THE SECURITIES MARKETS CODE BILL (SMC)
Proposes to consolidate provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, Depositories Act, 1996, and Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, into a rationalised single Securities Markets Code

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MAHA MISHAP

A couple and their two minor daughters were injured after a fire brigade vehicle that was part of Maharashtra Dy CM Ajit Pawar's convoy rammed into their motorcycle in Beed district on Saturday.

48 IAS OFFICERS TRANSFERRED IN BIG SHAKE-UP IN RAJ

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	18	Mumbai	31	27
Bhopal	27	14	Panaji	33	25
Jaipur	26	13	Patna	27	16
Amritsar	24	09	Lucknow	27	13
Chennai	29	26	Port Blair	30	27
Kolkata	29	21	Imphal	24	12
Srinagar	14	01	Chandigarh	23	09

ISI using YouTube to train recruits

After busting gangster-terror modules, Punjab police trace operatives' links to Pak handlers

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

PAKISTAN'S Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) is using YouTube videos through its handlers to train recruits remotely on how to operate and explode hand grenades, Punjab police have discovered after busting a gangster-terror module and arresting five accused.

In the last three weeks alone, the Punjab police have dismantled as many as seven such modules, who were allegedly assigned 'target killings' by their handlers operating from Pakistan, Canada and Europe.

Sources said police have recovered instructional videos, downloaded and shared via WhatsApp using virtual numbers, from the mobile phones of the five accused. The accused have been identified as Deepak alias Deepu and Ram Lal who travelled from Rajasthan to execute a terror attack in Ludhiana, Shamsher Singh from Ferozepur in Punjab, Harsh Ojha of Bihar and Ajay of Haryana.

Ludhiana Police Commissioner Swapan Sharma said the accused were tasked by their Pakistan-based handler Jasveer alias Choudhary to carry out grenade attacks in Punjab. "These Pakistan-based handlers are deliberately recruiting criminals from other states to commit terror acts in Punjab. Youths from Bihar, Rajasthan and Maharashtra are being recruited to orchestrate grenade attacks. We are in touch with the NIA to unearth their foreign links," Sharma said. Police officials privy of the investigations into terror cases said that there has been a spurt in assigned 'target killings' after the Operation Sindoor.

"Gangster-terror modules are being provided with a hit list, weapons and logistics support by the handlers sitting abroad. There is credible evidence that ISI is trying its best to disturb peace in Punjab. It is pressuring its contacts among gangsters through foreign handlers to carry out target killings," said an official.

There has been a five-fold increase in arms smuggling from across the border as 375 weapons, including AK-47 rifles, grenades and IEDs, have been seized this year till October 31. The seizures exceeded the total weapons recovered from 2021 to 2024, as per the police data.

Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav said police have busted most of the modules tasked with target killings. "There have been desperate attempts from across the border to disturb peace in the state but our agencies have been alert to meet any eventuality," he said.

CRACKDOWN ON ***MODULES***

Nov 1, 2025: Four operatives of gangsters Gurdev Jassal and Gurlala were arrested in Gurdaspur; 5 pistols recovered

Nov 10: Punjab special operation cell arrested four members of a module involved with a Portugal-based gangster

Nov 11: Amritsar-Pathankot police held two working at the behest of a UK-based handler, recovered 9mm Glock pistol

Nov 12: Mohali cops arrested two operatives linked to Goldy Dhillon of Bishnoi gang

Nov 13: Two aides of Jaggu Bhagwanpuria gang arrested and two foreign-made .30-calibre pistols recovered

Nov 15: Amritsar cops busted a weapons smuggling module operated from MP; one held and nine pistols seized

50 kg heroin worth ₹250 cr seized in Punjab

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE Anti-Narcotics Task Force of Punjab Police on Saturday recovered 50 kg of heroin worth a staggering ₹250 crore after busting a trans-border drug trafficking module in Ferozepur.

Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav said a preliminary probe has revealed that the shipment of 50 kg heroin was sent by ISI-supported smugglers. "The arrested accused has been identified as Sandeep Singh alias Seepa, a resident of Shanna Sher Singh Wala village in Kapurthala. Apart from seizing big haul of heroin, police teams have impounded his white car in which he was travelling," Yadav said.

The DGP said Sandeep is a history-sheeter with eight criminal cases, including five under the NDPS Act, registered against him, indicating his involvement in organised drug trafficking. He was recently released from Kapurthala Jail.

ADGP (ANTF) Nilabh Kishore said, "Intelligence suggested that the suspect had collected a consignment of contraband from the border village of Baggeke Utar in Jalalabad."

Owaisi fixes accountability, asks Bihar MLAs to stay in constituency twice a week

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

THE All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Saturday pledged allegiance to Nitish Kumar-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government in Bihar, provided that it delivers 'justice for Seemanchal'.

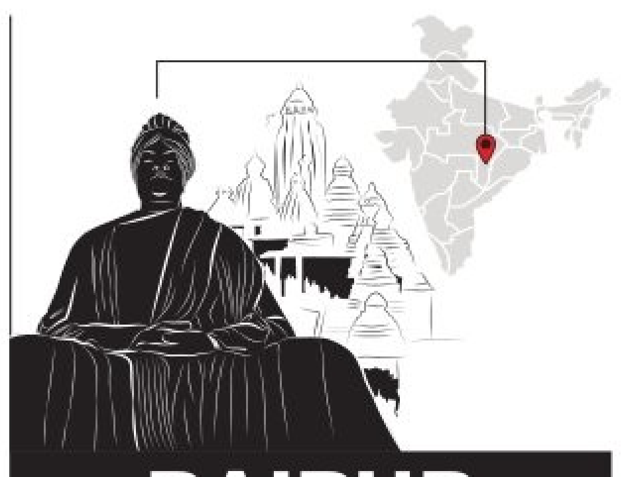
Addressing a public meeting under Amour assembly constituency in the state's Purnea district, Owaisi said that justice had not been done with Seemanchal region by the previous governments. As a result, the region could not progress as it should have," he told the gathering. Accusing Nitish of focussing only on development of Patna and Rajgir (Nalanda), Owaisi said that the rest of Bihar remained neglected during the NDA rule. "The development should not be confined to Patna and Rajgir," he asserted.

AIMIM won five seats in Muslim dominated Seemanchal region comprising Purnea, Kishanganj, Araria and Katihar in the recently concluded assembly elections. He said the region continued to suffer from river erosion, migration and corruption. The government must pay attention to these problems," the AIMIM chief said.

Referring to AIMIM's plan for its newly elected MLAs, Owaisi said that he would monitor his party's MLAs and announced an accountability-driven plan. "Our MLAs will sit in party offices in their respective constituencies twice a week to listen to people's grievances," he said.

And to make it foolproof, the party chief said that the MLAs would have to send photographs with their interaction with people on his WhatsApp with their location. "It would show where they exact are," he told the public.

He said the new exercise would start within six months. He reiterated his resolve to visit the region once in every six months to remain in touch with people of the region.



RAIPUR DIARY

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State leads in All-India Forest Sports Meet

For the 13th consecutive year, the Chhattisgarh forest department maintained its supremacy at the All India Forest Sports Meet held in Dehradun. The forest department won the overall Championship trophy. The state's 'indomitable' 253-member team led by APCCF Shalini Raina with the sterling spirit secured exceptional results with 74 gold medals and 578 Championship points to stand at Number-1 position in India. Kerala (31 Gold, 357 points) and Karnataka (25 Gold, 326 points) secured 2nd and 3rd places. Such a victory for the forest department team is far more than a sporting milestone, setting new benchmarks of excellence at the national level.

'Pandum Cafe': A coffee shop with a difference

A unique 'Pandum Cafe' in Bastar is not merely a coffee shop but a significant plan to rehabilitate surrendered Maoist cadres and victims of Naxal violence. Launched at the divisional headquarters in Jagdalpur, it provides to those who once picked up guns and engaged violence with sustainable livelihoods. CM Vishnu Deo Sai interacted with the hired enthusiastic team who began a new chapter of hope and reintegration after returning to the social mainstream. As a part of the state government's rehabilitation initiative, the move signifies an innovative effort reflecting a potent journey from conflict to cooperation. Youths here have had training.

Aadhaar-enabled attendance from Dec 1

In an intended push towards ensuring transparency, punctuality and administrative efficiency, the state decided to roll-out mandatory Aadhaar-enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) across all departments operating from the state secretariat complex. The new practice will start from December 1. All employees can register their IN/OUT attendance on their smartphones using Aadhaar-enabled facial verification. This mobile-based system is designed to offer convenience while maintaining biometric integrity. And the wall-mounted, thumb-based biometric devices have been installed at all major entry points of the Secretariat.

SPECIAL INTENSIVE REVISION

TMC, BJP spar after 1 more BLO dies by suicide in Bengal

SUBHENDU MAITI @Kolkata

AS the countdown for assembly polls scheduled in April-May next year begins, Trinamool Congress and BJP are involved in yet another spat over the suicide of another BLO in Bengal.

The ruling Trinamool Congress claimed that 34 people, including BLOs, have died during the ongoing SIR exercise which began on November 4, and demanded that the ECI take responsibility for these deaths.

Hours after the death of the BLO Rinku Tarafdar, a 53-year-old para teacher of a local school in Krishnagar in Nadia district on Saturday, chief minister Mamata Banerjee once again lashed out at the Election Commission of India (ECI. "Rinku Tarafdar has blamed ECI in her suicide note. How many more need to die for this, SIR? How many more bodies shall we see for this process? This has become truly alarming now," Mamata said in a social media post, keeping her anti-SIR protest unabated.

Rinku wrote in her suicide note that she had completed "ninety per cent" of the work but could not finish the digital component. She allegedly feared being penalised for it, and that she dreaded the prospect of "going to jail at this age" for failing to comply.

Senior BJP leader Rahul Sinha, however, claimed that the suicide note is fake. Meanwhile, accusing the Mamata government of its indifference to appointing a data entry operator for SIR, the saffron camp held the state administration responsible for Rinku's death.

"The ECI had directed to appoint data entry operators for SIR-related works, but the chief minister has been doing nothing despite the guidelines of the ECI. We could have saved her if the government had acted," said BJP's Agnimitra Paul.

'STRESSED' WOMAN BLO FOUND HANGING IN NADIA DISTRICT

A woman working as a Booth Level Officer (BLO) in West Bengal's Nadia district was found hanging at her residence on Saturday, with her family members claiming that she was under considerable SIR work-related stress and died by suicide, police said. The deceased has been identified as Rinku Tarafdar (53), a para-teacher at Vivekananda Vidyamandir. Notably, this comes just a couple of days after another hailing from Jalpaiguri allegedly died by suicide. Meanwhile, a BLO in Barddhaman district recently succumbed to a cerebral attack reportedly caused by SIR-related work pressure.

FOURTH BLO DEATH IN FOUR DAYS RAISES WORK STRESS CONCERNS

A female BLO assistant collapsed and died on duty at a Vadodara school on Saturday, triggering sharp questions over mounting SIR-related workload. Police said that the deceased, identified as Ushaben Indrasinh Solanki—an employee of Gorwa Mahila ITI—had been deployed for BLO duty despite poor health. Her husband Indrasinh Solanki revealed that the family had warned officials about the risks earlier. As many as four staffers engaged in the exercise have died in four days across Gujarat, either by suicide or due to sudden heart attacks.

TWO DEATHS OVER 'SIR' WITHIN 24 HOURS DEAL BIG JOLT TO MP

At least two government teachers working as booth-level officers under the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of voter rolls have died in two separate districts of Madhya Pradesh over the last 24 hours. The two deceased have been identified as have been identified as Ramakant Pandey in Raisen district and Sitaram Gond in Damoh district. While the authorities concerned claimed that two deaths were caused by health-related issues, the bereaved families allege that the "unbearable" work pressure and fear of being suspended on not achieving the daily targets are to blame.

REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE

SP STEPS UP OFFENSIVE, SAYS 'IRREGULARITY IN SIR EXERCISE'

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

FOLLOWING the NDA's thumping victory in the recent Bihar Assembly elections, Samajwadi Party (SP) firebrand Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday accused the BJP government and the Election Commission of conspiring to delete more than 50,000 voters from each Assembly segment where his party and the INDIA bloc fared strongly in the last general elections.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters on the 85th birth anniversary of his father Mulayam Singh Yadav, he said, "We have received information that the BJP is making major preparations in Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal in collusion with the Election Commission."

"UP is the biggest state, and only 415 days are left for the UP Assembly elections. There is a conspiracy to remove more than 50,000 names from every assembly in UP and West Bengal. We are prepared for this. We will work hard to save democracy. Our party workers will thwart this," he vowed.

The SP chief also cast aspersions on the role of the poll panel in past bypolls. "In 2022, voters' names were removed on a large scale," he said.

Citing electoral data, he said that while the BJP, which won 255 seats in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, led in only 162 Assembly segments in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. On the other hand, the SP, which won 111 Assembly seats in 2022, secured leads in 183 segments in last year's general elections. The Congress, he noted, which had won only two Assembly seats in 2022, led in 40 Assembly segments in the general polls.

Pointing at the data, Akhilesh alleged that the BJP came up with SIR "as a conspiracy" after losing ground. He further called for an extension in the voter roll cleanup exercise in the state. He also suggested that the SIR must not be conducted in the wedding season. He also accused the ruling dispensation of corruption.

Keep eye on stray dogs near schools: C'garh spells out role for teachers

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THE Directorate of Public Instructions (DPI), Chhattisgarh government, has directed school principals, headmasters and heads of institutions to ensure timely reporting of stray dogs roaming on the premises, a move strongly resisted by the School Teachers' Union.

In its official circular sent to joint directors (Education) and District Education Officers (DEO) in the state, the DPI has referred the recent directive given by the Supreme Court in one of the writ petitions, asking to appoint the school principals or head of the education institution as the nodal officer in each school without delay.

The order bestows responsibility upon these nodal officers to follow it promptly at the school level to ensure the educational premises or surrounding areas remain safe and conducive with the safety of students.

"Teachers are often overloaded with various tasks besides their own responsibilities. Such an additional duty is impractical as the directive over-burdening teachers with works other than their core responsibilities. Such imposed order is not good for teachers as well for the academic progress of students. We oppose such an order and appeal to the education minister that responsibility of such a task should be given to local administration—from panchayat to municipal corporation", said Virendra Dubey, state president of the Shaley Shikshak Sangh (School Teachers Union).

There were school teachers expressing aversion against the official circular asserting that it will deviate them from educational-related works and may adversely impact the academic curricula. "How come principals or headmasters who attend schools only during the fixed hours of the day can remain watchful for stray dogs?" said a teacher asking not to be named.

However, the state school education minister Gajendra Yadav said the reason behind such an instruction is to keep the authorities promptly informed.

TEACHERS IRKED

1. The directive follows recent Supreme Court order on managing strays
2. Teachers argue the task is impractical and unrelated to academics
3. Education minister Gajendra Yadav clarifies the move aims to ensure student safety

Mind your language, affluent teens, says CBSE

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

OFFICIALS affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) have issued a stern warning regarding a noticeable decline in conversational etiquette and conduct among teenagers from affluent backgrounds attending affiliated schools, particularly in regions like Uttarakhand.

The board is actively reaching out to parents, pressing them to closely monitor their children's language use and the content they consume online.

Dr Anupam Jagga, principal of a prominent institution in Haridwar and a CBSE Regional Coordinator, formally documented the concern in a letter. The advisory explicitly points to a troubling rise in the use of profanity and inappropriate material shared among students. "The most worrying aspect is the sharp drop in the standard of language used," stated Jagga, referencing observations made during recent counselling sessions.

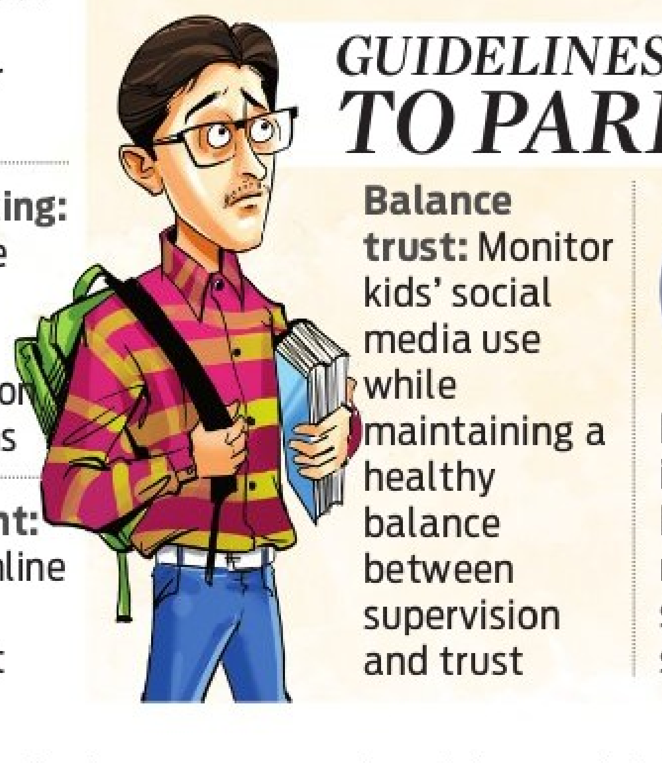
He highlighted a candid admission from students preparing for the IIT entrance exams. These high-achievers acknowledged that their success was rooted in discipline and dedicating six to eight hours daily to self-study. However, he noted that this crucial time is increasingly being diverted towards online media consumption instead of books and newspapers.

"In the last decade, there has been a significant increase in students using abusive language in their casual conversations," Jagga observed. He identified web series streamed on Over-The-Top (OTT) platforms as a primary catalyst for this shift.

Short-term observational checks conducted by the school reportedly confirmed serious issues, including habitual use of abusive language, harassment of peers, and the sharing of explicit or inappropriate content.

Chetna Thapliyal, a law student, expressed dismay over the content creators' priorities. "OTT filmmakers need to realise that dialogue can be powerful even without relying on profanity if the story demands it," Thapliyal told this paper.

"It is unfortunate that their vocabulary seems limited only to curses. In this rush for monetisation, the content being served is eroding the speaking style and basic courtesy of the younger generation. Currently, I see no easy solution," lamented Chetna. Echoing the need for direct intervention, Arnav Gandhi, who recently qualified for NEET, emphasised the role of educational institutions.



GUIDELINES ISSUED ***TO PARENTS***

Digital dialogue: Engage in regular discussions about what children watch, share or write online

Language policing: Insist on the use of polite and respectful language, even on digital platforms

Digital footprint: Tell kids how online activity leaves digital footprint

Device-free zones: Establish dedicated times and areas—especially during meals and before bedtime—with no devices

Balance trust: Monitor kids' social media use while maintaining a healthy balance between supervision and trust

Promote real interaction: Encourage reading and sports over screen time

17 people sentenced to death in Yemen over spying for Israel, Saudi Arabia

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	32	19	SNY
Colombo	29	25	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	33	25	TDS	Moscow	28	13	SNY
Dubai	44	28	SNY	New York	26	15	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	23	13	SNY
London	20	13	SNY	Washington	26	14	SNY

LR: Light Rain ● **HR:** Heavy Rain ● **LS:** Light Snow ● **TDS:** Thundershower ● **LC:** Light Cloud ● **SNY:** Sunny

Allies push back as US peace plan asks Ukraine to concede

European leaders, allies warn peace cannot come at the cost of Ukraine's security or borders

KYIV

UKRAINE's Western allies rallied around the war-torn country on Saturday as they pushed to revise a US peace plan seen as favoring Moscow despite its all-out invasion of its neighbour. A top Ukrainian delegation prepared for direct talks with Washington and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy vowed Ukrainians "will always defend" their home.

The 28-point blueprint to end the nearly four-year war sparked alarm in Kyiv and European capitals, with Zelenskyy saying his country could face a stark choice between standing up for its sovereign rights and preserving the American support it needs.

The US plan foresees Ukraine handing over territory to Russia, something Kyiv has repeatedly ruled out, while reducing the size of its army and blocking its coveted path to NATO membership. It contains many of Moscow's long-standing demands, while offering limited security guarantees to Kyiv.

Rescue workers clear the rubble of a residential building which was heavily damaged by a Russian strike on Ternopil | AP

On Saturday, leaders of the European Union, Canada and Japan issued a joint statement welcoming US peace efforts, but pushed back against key tenets of the plan. "We are ready to engage in order to ensure that a future peace is sustainable. We are clear on the principle that borders must not be changed by force. We are also concerned by the proposed limitations on Ukraine's armed forces, which would leave Ukraine vulnerable to future attack," the statement said. It added that any decisions regarding NATO and the EU would require the consent of member states. Ukrainian envoys will meet a US delegation in Switzerland to discuss the proposal, Zelenskyy announced Saturday, after US President Donald Trump said he wants Kyiv to respond by next week.

European leaders have long warned against rushing a peace deal, seeing their own future at stake in Ukraine's fight to beat back Russia, and insist on being consulted in peace efforts.

On Saturday, the French, German and UK prime ministers met on the sidelines of a Group of 20 summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, to discuss ways to support Kyiv, according to a person with knowledge of the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

Zelenskyy, in a video address published Saturday, said Ukrainian representatives at the talks in Switzerland "know how to protect Ukrainian national interests and exactly what is needed to prevent Russia from carrying out" another invasion. "Real peace is always based on security and justice," he added. Nine officials are to take part in the talks, including Zelenskyy's chief of staff Andrii Yermak and top envoy Rustem Umerov, according to a statement posted on the Ukrainian presidency's website, which also stated that the negotiators are empowered to deal directly with Russia. *AP*

Trump insists Kyiv must accept US plan to end war

WASHINGTON

WITH his new 28-point plan to end Russia's war in Ukraine, President Donald Trump is resurfacing his argument that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy doesn't "have the cards" to continue on the battlefield and must come to a settlement that heavily tilts in Moscow's favor.

Donald Trump

Trump, who has demonstrated low regard for Zelenskyy dating back to his first term, said Friday he expects the Ukrainian leader to respond to his administration's new plan to end the war by next Thursday. "We think we have a way of getting peace," Trump told reporters in an Oval Office appearance. "He's going to have to approve it." Buffeted by a corruption scandal in his government, battlefield setbacks and another difficult winter looming as Russia continues to bombard Ukraine's energy grid, Zelenskyy says Ukraine is now facing perhaps the most difficult choice in its history.

Zelenskyy has not spoken with Trump since the plan became public this week, but has said he expects to talk to the Republican president in coming days. It's likely to be another in a series of tough conversations the two leaders have had over the years.

The first time they spoke, in 2019, Trump tried to pressure the then newly minted Ukrainian leader to dig up dirt on Joe Biden ahead of the 2020 election. That phone call sparked Trump's first impeachment. Trump used Biden's Ukraine support to win 2024, vowing to end the costly war fast. *AP*

Greene to quit in Jan over Don's pressure on district

WASHINGTON

UNDER Rep Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, a loyal supporter-turned-critic of President Donald Trump who faced his political retribution if she sought reelection, said on Friday she is resigning from Congress in January.

Greene, in a more than 10-minute video posted online, explained her decision and said she didn't want her congressional district "to have to endure a hurtful and hateful primary against me by the president we all fought for," she said. Greene's resignation followed a public falling-out with Trump in recent months, as the congresswoman criticised him for his stance on files related to Jeffrey Epstein, along with foreign policy and health care. Trump branded her a "traitor" and "wacky" and said he would endorse a challenger against her when she ran for reelection next year. She said her last day would be January 5, 2026. The White House did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment Friday night. In a brief phone call Friday night, Trump told *ABC* News that Greene's resignation is "great news for the country." He said had no plans to speak with Greene but wishes her well. Greene was one of the most vocal and visible supporters of Trump's Make America Great Again politics, and she embraced some of his unapologetic political style. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

JOBLESS RATE CONTINUES TO FALL TO 6.05%

The open unemployment rate has fallen to 6.05 per cent as of August 2025, according to Governor Pramono Anung Wibowo. He said labour demand in trade, accommodation, food and beverage, and transportation continues to grow, highlighting the city's strength as a service and trade hub. Regular job fairs have supported the decline, including disability-focused recruitment that has placed 150 workers so far. The provincial government plans more fairs across the city, alongside capacity-building programmes to ensure equal access to jobs.

US CLEARS SEAFOOD EXPORTS

US has approved local fishing practices under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, allowing continued exports of seafood caught in domestic waters. The decision confirms fishing here does not harm marine mammals. However, authorities must now block imported raw materials from 42 non-compliant nations in products headed for the US market, a trade worth more than 38 billion baht annually. In 2024, local processors used raw materials from 21 high-risk countries for US-bound seafood, valued at up to 2.5 billion baht, according to the Fisheries Department.

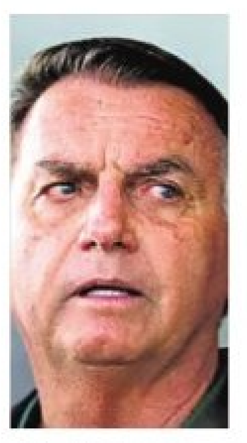
Bolsonaro arrested over alleged bid to evade jail

SAO PAULO

BRAZIL's former president Jair Bolsonaro was under arrest on Saturday over suspicion he was plotting to avoid starting a 27-year prison sentence for leading a coup attempt.

Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes, who oversaw the case on Bolsonaro's attempt to keep the presidency after his defeat to President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in 2022, ordered the preemptive arrest after saying the far-right leader's ankle monitor was violated at 12.08 am on Saturday.

Bolsonaro, 70, who had been under house arrest, was ordered to wear the device after being deemed a flight risk.


Jair Bolsonaro

The former president, who is an ally of US President Donald Trump, was taken to the headquarters of the country's federal police in the capital, Brasilia, from his home.

Bolsonaro's aide Andriely Cirino confirmed to The Associated Press that the arrest took place around 6am on Saturday.

The Supreme Court panel hearing Bolsonaro's case will vote on de Moraes' order in an extraordinary session Monday. The same panel convicted him to jail by 4 votes to 1 in September. The preemptive arrest is a dramatic and unexpected twist in the final stage of a long and divisive criminal trial. De Moraes claimed the embattled leader could escape, as some of his allies did, just days before he was set to begin his prison term. The judge cited a video posted by Bolsonaro's son urging supporters to protest on Saturday outside the property where his father had been staying.

"(The) information shows the intent of the convict to break the ankle monitoring to assure his escape is successful, which would be made easier by the confusion that would be caused by a demonstration organized by his son," de Moraes said. *AP*

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My client Sri. N.S.Anjaneya S/o Shankarappa.M R/a. #No.13 Banashankari Nilaya, Sai Vihar Layout, Harohalli Village, Yelahanka Bangalore-560064.

We hereby declare that my client has Lost the below mentioned Original SSLC Marks Card in #No.13 Banashankari Nilaya, Sai Vihar Layout, Harohalli Village, Yelahanka Bangalore On 21th October 2025

The Document of Original SSLC Marks Card Vide Registered Roll No. F-354863 passed in the year 1992 issued by KSEAB studied in Government High School Anaveri Village, Bhadravati Taluk, Shivamogga District. Further Police complaint has been lodged on 21/11/2025 in Online bearing Lost Report.No.1914987/2025 to this effect which has been duly acknowledged. The above Public Notice is now issued. Any person having claim/in possession of the said document may represent to the under signed within 07 days failing which it will be taken that there are no claims.

A.Prashanth, Advocate
No.3755, SAMPRATHI, DESHADAPETE
Doddaballapur Town-561203. Mob : 9886628181.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Smt.Bhageshwari Ramesh W/o Kiran kumar S** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Sri.Vijay.P S/o Late M.Parthasarathi Reddy and Late Kalavathi**; person's objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE Residential Property bearing Site bearing **No.05,** PID No.6000038548, in the layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, (Sy.No. 30, Chelekere Village), Situated at **19th Block, Arkavathy Layout, Bangalore,** measuring East to West; **9.00 mtrs.,** North to South: **6.00 Mtrs.,** in all measuring **54.00 Sq.mtrs.,** and bounded on:
East by: 9.00 mtrs Road, West by: Site No.13, North by: Site No.04, South by: Site No.06

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client has agreed to purchase the Schedule property from SRI. K. DEVENDRA S/o Adinarayana, R/at No.10/2, NMC Laine, 5th Cross, R.T. Street, Anchepete, Bangalore-560053. If anybody has got any legitimate claim over the same, they can put forward their claim within 10 days from the date of publication of this Notice along with relevant documents to the under signed. Claims that are received after ten days from the date of publication of this notice will not be taken into consideration.

SCHEDULE

Converted Residential Vacant site bearing No.73, having Katha No.93/1, formed in land bearing Sy.No.93/1, situated at Gangondanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, lay-out known as "Maruthi Badavane" measuring east to west 30 feet and North to south 40 feet totally measuring 1200 square feet, having the following boundaries:
East by : Road, West by : Site No.87, South by : Site No.72, North by : Site No.74.

DIVAKARA, BAL, LLB, Advocate
70, 15th Cross, 6th A Main,
J.C. Nagar, Mahalakshmi Lay-out,
Bangalore-560086. PH.9845309404
mail.divakar.yashu@gmail.com
BANGALORE, DATED : 21-11-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public/ Whomsoever it may concern that my Client **Sri.M.K.ADITHYA**, S/o.M.Shivalingiah, R/at No:41, Pantraalya intend/propose to purchase the SCHEDULE PROPERTY belonging to **Sri.Ajay V S/o.Pampana Venkatramana** R/at No:407, 9th Main,Chandra lay out Bangalore. The Vendor hereby informed my client that he is not in possession of the original Sale Deed bearing Doc.No.2566-74-75 dated 13.06.1974 registered at SRO Kengeri, Bangalore for the below mentioned **SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

Any persons, firm, institutions, including financial institutions claiming to have any right /title/interest or is in possession of the said abovementioned original sale deed or any other objections for such alienation may lodge their objection with documentary proof within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims and objection subsist and there after my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.8, having its PID No:39-137-8 [formerly Prop bearing 43/3/8 and Property bearing no.8 Assessment No.43/3, House List No.7, V.P.Katha No.317,Prop bearing 43/3-7, formerly property No.6 and 7, in number 43/3, then Northern portion of Site no. 7, Katha No.315/5 and 316/6,} situated at 3rd Main Road Nayandahalli Village, Pantharapalya, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru, BBMP ward No: 131[39] measuring East to West:32 feet and North to South: 25 feet in all measuring 800 Sq.feet and East to west 30 North to South 22.6 in all 675 Sq ft totally measuring 1475 Sq ft. And bounded on
East By : Govt Road
West By : Pvt Property/ Road
North By : Property No:9
South By : Property No:7

B.B.SUDHIR, Advocate
No:334, 09th Main, 14th Cross, Indiranagar,
BANGALORE-560038 Mob:98450 22593

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public/ Whomsoever it may concern that, my Client **Smt. Bharathi** D/o Gopal residing at 312-1, 4th Cross, Bellandur VTC Bellandur, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560 103/ intend / propose to purchase the Schedule property belonging to Sri. YARAMALA PEDA NAGA SESHA REDDY, aged 43 years, S/o. late Siva Reddy residing at Pegallapadu (PO) Yerrupalem (Md), Khammam (Dt) presently residing at No. 140, New Street Apartment No.2305, Mamaroneck, New York, USA 10543 PAN: ABIPY7292F. He is absolute owner and having clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property.

Any persons, firm, institutions, including financial institutions claiming to have any right/title/interest /claim or enforceable right in to Schedule Property either as the owner or any other manner objections for such allegation may lodge their objection with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims and objection subsist and there after my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction, my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction with the owner referred above.

It has been further informed to my Client by the Vender that they have lost original Sale Deed date 27/06/1994 No (2126/9495) registered in the SRO at Bangalore.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property house list No.5, Katha No.568, Assessment register No.90/5, situated at Bellandur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 57 feet in all measuring 1710 Sq ft., presently under BBMP Limits, Ward No.150, together with all rights. **East by:** Property No.4, **West by:** Property No.6, **North by:** Chikkannaiah Property, **South by:** 20 feet Road, along with GR + FF + SF totally thirty three squares of RCC roofed house. Contact: 9611494999

S.R RAVIKUMAR, Advocate
No.2531/A, CSI Kannada Church Near, 1st Main Road, Nrupatunga Road, T Dasarahalli, Bengaluru 560 057. Ph: 9343768712.

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II
4th FLOOR, BSNL BUILDING
RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU
AT : BENGALURU
O. A. NO. 1992/2020
BETWEEN :- STATE BANK OF INDIA **APPLICANT**
AND : Mr. Hanumantha Mareppa ...**DEFENDANT**
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION
To. Defendant 1. Mr. Hanumantha Mareppa
R/o. Madarkal, Tq.Deodurg, Dist. Raichur-584111
2. Mr. Smt.Hanumawwa Hanumantha
R/o. Madarkal, Tq.Deodurg, Dist. Raichur-584111

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to the Banks and Financial Institutions Act of 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of Rs.28,18,801/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred and One Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **13/01/2026 at 10:30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on this the 29/9/2025.

By the Order of the Court
Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II BANGALORE

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II
4TH FLOOR, BSNL BUILDING,
RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU:
AT : BENGALURU
O. A. NO. 1570/2020
BETWEEN : STATE BANK OF INDIA ...**Applicant**
AND : CHANDAPPA TIMAPPA ...**Defendant's**
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION
To, Defendant 1. Mr. Chandappa Timappa R/o. Irabagera, Kothigudda, Tq. Deodurg, Dist. Raichur-584111 **2. Mr. Tirumalayya Mallayya** R/o. Irabagera. Kothigudda, Tq. Deodurg, Dist. Raichur-584111

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to the Banks and Financial Institutions Act of 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of Rs. 30,15,741/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty One Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **12/01/2026 at 10:30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on this the 03/10/2025.

By the Order of the Court
Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II BANGALORE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE VIth ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE
AT BENGALURU (CCH-11)
O.S.No. 3830/2025
BETWEEN : Bank of Baroda Basaveshwara Nagar Branch Having its branch at No.119/18, 80 Feet Road, K.H.B Colony, Basaveshwar Nagar, Bangalore-560068 Represented by its Senior Manager Mrs. Priya Agnihotri W/o Mr. Ameya Agnihotri Aged about 41 Years ...**PLAINTIFF**
AND : Mrs. Nithya C ...**DEFENDANT**
SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT No.1 & 2 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1) OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908
1.Mrs. Nithya C Aged about 32 Years W/o Shreekar Bhat S No. 287, 7th Cross, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, D Group Employee Layout, Papareddy Palya, Bangalore-560072 M.No: 9148369361
Also at : Mrs. Nithya C W/o Shreekar Bhat S Yatra Travels & Insurance, No. 19, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, Thimmaiah Road, Basaveshwar Nagar, Bangalore-560079 **2. Mr. Shreekar Bhat S** Aged about 35 Years, S/o Shreepathi Bhat, No.287, 7th Cross, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, D Group Employee Layout, Papareddy Palya, Bangalore-560072
M.No: 8197369378

Whereas the plaintiff instituted a suil against you for recovery of Rs.11,82,984.99/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand and Nine Hundred and Eighty Four and Paisa Ninety Nine only) as on 31.01.2025 along with current and further interest at 7.25% p.a., on monthly compound interest rest basis with a penal interest @ of 2% p.a., from 31.01.2025 to till the date of realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court on **15/12/25 at 11.00 A.M** in person or through the Advocate/pleader to answer the question to the same failing which the suit will be heard and determined as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 10th day of November 2025.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore
Padmashree M Advocate for Plaintiff
No. 29, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout,
Bhoopasandra, Bangalore - 560 094

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Schedule Properties from 1) Ms. Maramma, 2) Ms. N. Pramila and 3) Mr. N. Premkumar, all are children of Late B. Narasimhalu, residing at No. 22, New Binnamangala, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038 and they are claiming that they are the owners of the schedule Item Nos. 1 to 3 properties and also sale agreement holder Mr. Hemanth R S/o Rangappa R, No. 8, 2nd Main Road, 2nd Cross, Vittal Nagar, Bangalore-560018, for valuable sale consideration.

If any person/s having any claim, right, title, interest, whatsoever over the Schedule Property, may forward his/her/their objections in writing with supporting documents to the undersigned within **FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it will be deemed that, there is no claim, right, title or interest from anybody except the sellers, and my client will proceed for completion of purchase transaction and will get registered the Absolute Sale Deed of schedule property in their names.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1 (property owned by Ms. Maramma)- All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal NO. 2/3 (Old No.2), PID No. 82-19-2/3, situated at 100 feet Road, Binnamangala Village, K.R. Hobli, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West 121 feet and North to South 21 feet, total measuring 2541 Sq.feet and bounded on;
East by : 100 feet Road
West by : Private Property
North by : Portion of property allotted to share of Ms. Pramila N.
South by : Property bearing Municipal No.3 belong to Ramaraju and Umashankar

Item No.2 (property owned by Ms. N. Pramila)- All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal NO. 2/2 (Old No.2), PID No. 82-19-2/2, situated at 100 feet Road, Binnamangala Village, K.R. Hobli, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West 122 feet and North to South 21 feet, total measuring 2574.2 Sq.feet and bounded on;
East by : 100 feet Road
West by : Private Property
North by : Portion of property allotted to share of Ms. Pramila N.
South by : Portion of property allotted to share of Ms. Pramila N.

Item No.3 (property owned Mr. N. Premkumar)- All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal NO. 2/1 (Old No.2), PID No. 82-19-2/1, situated at 100 feet Road, Binnamangala Village, K.R. Hobli, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West 136 feet and North to South 21 feet 1 Inches, total measuring 2866.86 Sq.feet and as per BBMP Khata, measuring 2869.6 Sq.feet and bounded on;
East by : 100 feet Road
West by : Private Property
North by : Portion of property allotted to share of Mr. Sampath Kumar N.
South by : Portion of property allotted to the share of Ms. N. Pramila.

K.V.Shyama Prasada, Advocate
No.100, II Floor 14th Cross, Kilari Road
BANGALORE – 560 053.
PLACE : BANGALORE DATE : 21.11.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Mr. Mahesh S**, S/o Shankara H, aged about 46 years, R/at No. 54/19, 10th Cross, 1st Main Road, Kottigepalya, Bangalore-560 091, intends to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from **Mr. Chavan R**, age 41 years, S/o C Rajarao, R/at No. 607/608, 14th Cross, M C Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560 040, for valuable sale consideration.

If any person/s having any claim, right, title, interest, whatsoever over the Schedule Property, may forward his/her/their objections in writing with supporting documents to the undersigned within **07 DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it will be deemed that, there is no claim, right, title or interest from anybody except the sellers, and my client will proceed for completion of purchase transaction and will get registered the Absolute Sale Deed of schedule property in their names.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of all that property bearing Site No. 206, formed in converted Old Sy. No. 83, New Sy. No. 83/1B, BBMP Katha No. 206/83/1B, entire property of converted to non-agricultural or residential purpose issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore vide order No. BDIS.ALN.SR(N) 43/95-96, dated 20-01-1996, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwantapura Hobli, Bangalore north Taluk, now comes under the administrative and jurisdiction of BBMP ward No. 129, Byamma Layout, New EPID No. 2183050795, measuring East to West: 60.0 Feet and North to South: 37.0 feet, totally measuring 2220 sqft and bounded on
East by : 35 Feet Road,
West by : Site No. 283
North by : Site No. 205,
South by : Site No. 207.

S. UMASHANKAR, Advocate
No. 213/A, 1st Floor, 56th Cross, 10th Main, 4th Block, Opp. Ramamandira Temple, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010.
Mobile: 98453 97329

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client has negotiated for the purchase of the Schedule property from its owner **Sri Simha J Kaipa** and **Late K L Jagannatha Sasty** for valuable consideration.

Any Person/s, firm/s, institution/s etc., claiming to have any right, title and interest in the Schedule property or having any claims/ objections of whatsoever nature, to the proposed sale of Schedule property in favour of our client, are required to lodge/intimate their claims/objections with documentary evidence in support thereof to the undersigned ***within 7 days*** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which our client shall proceed with the purchase of Schedule property without any reference to any such claim and the same if any shall be considered as waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Site No. 514**, BDA PID No. 3320070694, Property No. BDA/RO(S)/514/ BSK-6/7/04-05, layout formed by BDA, Situated at **Banashankari VI Stage, VII Block Extension, Bangalore** and measuring **East** to **West 12.20 Mts** and **North** to **South 18 Mts, totally measuring 216 square Meters** bounded on:
East by : Site Number 515,
West by : Site Number 513,
North by : Road,
South by : Site Number 511 and 512.

Varnakara Reddy.K.B,
S.V.H.Law Associates,
Advocates & Legal consultants,
No.201, 2nd Floor, Brigade Links,
1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram,
Bengaluru 560 020. Mob: 9980565989.
Date: 22.11.2025 Place: Bengaluru

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
4TH FLOOR, BSNL BUILDING
RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU
AT : BENGALURU
O. A. NO. 299/2021
BETWEEN:-STATE BANK OF INDIA ...**APPLICANT**
AND : Mr. Mudukappa Bhojappa ...**DEFENDANT**
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION
To, Defendant 1. Mr. Mudukappa Bhojappa
R/o. Sasavigera, Tq.Deodurg, Raichur-584111
2. Mr. Revappa Bhojappa R/o. Sasavigera, Tq.Deodurg, Raichur-584111

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to the Banks and Financial Institutions Act of 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of Rs.30,61,654/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Four Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **13/01/2026 at 10:30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on this the 29/9/2025.

By the Order of the Court
Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II BANGALORE

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Sri.M.Venkatesh, (Sangati)** S/o.Muniswamy Mudhaliar, Residing at No.78, 6th cross, Kathriguppe, Banashankari III Stage, Bangalore – 560 085 has negotiated the purchase of the immovable property from its present owner Mr.Mohammed Abdulla Shariff Residing at 2431, 8th main Road, 22nd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage Bangalore presently residing at 26Yarmouth Way, Gibbs Boro N J 08026, USA with more fully described in the schedule hereunder 'Schedule Property' from its present owner.

If any person/s, Bank/Society /Firm or anybody having any right, title, interest or claims over the below mentioned property, may lodge his/her/their/claims if any in writing with authenticated documentary evidence, to the undersigned within **Thirty days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, failing which it shall be construed by our client that there are no claims/objections of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule property and the intended transaction will be finalized by our client as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned and our client will go ahead with the intended sale transaction in respect of the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the Immovable Property bearing No.2431, E-Asti Khatha No.4769008118, Old PID No.56-148-2431, formed by the then City Improvement Trust Board (Presently Bangalore Development Authority), at Banashankari II Stage Extension, situated at 8th Main, 22nd Cross, Banashankari II Stage, Ward No.166 of BBMP, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 70 feet and North to South : 45 feet in all measuring 3150 Square feet consisting of a residential house having RCC Roof, Cement Flooring and provided with all basic facilities and the entire property bounded as follows:-
East by : Road
West by : Property bearing No.2434
North by : Property bearing No.2430,
South by : Property bearing No.2432

Chandrika P. Shetty, Advocate,
No.22, Ground Floor, Tata Silk Farm near Yediyur Lake, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore-04.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

DRM (S&T) NWR, Ajmer on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender for the following work up to 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **Tender No.** : DRM-S&T-33-2025-26 **Name of work** : Ajmer Division :- Provision of S&T Associated work in C/W provision of a shunting neck connected with line No. 6 and an engine holding line connected with ART line on RPZ end at UDZ station in Ajmer Division NWR. (Signalling Items) **Approximate cost of work** : Rs. 22457001.05 **Bid security** : Rs. 262300.00 Date & Time of opening E-Tender - 16.12.2025 at 15.30 Hrs. The details of above e-tender are available on website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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Inviting of E-Tender Notice

मंडल रेल प्रबन्धक, इंजीनियरिंग, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिये एवं उनकी ओर से ई–निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित नियमो के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित प्रपत्रो में निविदा निम्न कार्यो के लिए क्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है– **ई– निविदा सूचना सं० 2025–26** : 141 of 2025-26 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान** : Carrying out USFD testing of Flash Butt (FB) on all types of rails by using Phased array weld tester under ADEN/JSM of Jodhpur Division **अनुमानित लागत रूपये** : 2,43,08,266.98 **बयाने की राशि रूपये**: 2,71,600.00 निविदा सूचना संख्या 141 of 2025-26 निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि **12.12.2025** को 15:00 बजे तक है। वेबसाईट का विवरण जहाँ पर ई–निविदा देखी व भरी जा सकती है – **www.ireps.gov.in**

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$10.7 BN the value of gold held by Indian Central Bank in its foreign exchange reserves by the end of November 14 week. Gold holding rose by $5.3 bn during the week

‘States free to draft rules within the framework of Labour Codes’

Officials say 18-25 states already incorporated provisions of codes even before notification

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE Union government has notified the four Labour Codes, but since labour is a concurrent subject, both the Centre and the states will have a say in their implementation. The successful rollout of the new laws, therefore, depends on how effectively states adopt them. According to Labour Ministry sources, while states are free to draft their own rules, those rules must align with the Labour Codes.

The good news is that most states and Union Territories have already pre-published draft rules. Labour law experts say the Centre engaged meaningfully with states, resulting in 32 states and UTs releasing draft rules under the Codes.

“As many as 18-25 states have already incorporated many provisions of the Labour Codes even before they were notified,” said a Labour Ministry official, expressing hope that states would act proactively in implementing the Codes.

Some states, however, have made slower progress. According to Akhil Chandna, Partner and Global People Solutions Leader at Grant Thornton Bharat, West Bengal and Lakshadweep have not pre-published any draft rules; Delhi has released only the rules under the Code on Wages, 2019; and Tamil Nadu has yet to issue rules under the Code on Social Security, 2020. “This underscores the need for sustained coordination and capacity building to ensure consistent, timely implementation,” he said. Under the new laws, over 29 central legislations have been consolidated into four modern codes to simplify compliance, bring clarity, and create a more contemporary framework for industrial relations.

However, while two of the codes — the Industrial Relations Code and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code — have been made fully effective, the Codes on Wages and Social Security have not yet been fully notified.

“In the absence of state-specific rules for all of the Codes, implementation will likely occur in a phased manner, with procedural elements such as registrations, forms, and return formats being notified over time,” said Vinay Joy, Partner at Khaitan & Co.

According to Atul Gupta, Partner in the labour and employment practice at Trilegal, more clarity will emerge in the coming weeks as state governments work to align the new laws with their own strategies to retain and incentivise businesses.

Experts have also pointed out that state-specific Shops and Establishments Acts are not subsumed under the new Labour Codes, which means the new framework will operate in parallel. The Acts regulate working conditions, wages, and leave for employees in shops, commercial establishments, among others.

‘Codes to bring predictability in IT industry’

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

THE recently notified Labour Codes with provisions like mandatory release of salary by 7th of every month, equal pay for equal work and providing facility for women to work night shifts can have far-reaching impacts on IT and IT-enabled services (ITES) sector.

Industry body NASSCOM and Pune-based Nascent IT Employees Senate (NITES) both have welcomed the notification. NITES calls it one of the biggest overhauls of labour regulations in Independent India, while NASSCOM claimed that the new codes would modernise India’s labour framework.

NASSCOM on Saturday said for the tech industry and its workforce, the eventual full implementation of the Codes can bring greater predictability and transparency. “Provisions on written appointment letters, fixed term employment with parity of benefits, expanded coverage of social security, among others, are particularly relevant to a skilled and mobile talent base,” it said.

US court asks Byju’s founder to repay $1 bn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a fresh setback to Byju Raveendran, the promoter of edtech company Byju’s, a US court has ordered Raveendran to pay back the default amount of $1.16 billion to BYJU’s Alpha and US-based lender GLAS Trust Company LLC.

The Delaware Bankruptcy Court found that Raveendran failed to comply with its discovery order and continued to be evasive on several occasions. The judgment was given based on the petition filed by BYJU’s Alpha and GLAS Trust Company LLC.

BYJU’s Alpha was incorporated when Raveendran was running the management of Think and Learn Private Limited (TLPL), which operated under Byju’s brand name. The judgment directed Raveendran to provide a full and accurate accounting of the Alpha Funds and any proceeds thereof, such as the Camshaft LP Interest, including each and every subsequent transfer and any proceeds thereof.

Raveendran in a disclosure to counter allegation of siphoning of TLB funds through overseas entities OCI and Camshaft had said that it routinely engaged with the UK-based OCI for its international expansion and business purposes.

Trade deficit widens with China despite exports surge

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

EVEN as Indian exports to China grew 25% during the April-October period, India’s trade deficit with China continued to widen, touching $64 billion in the first seven months of the current financial year, compared with $57.65 billion in the same period last year. In 2024-25, India’s trade deficit stood at $99.12 billion.

While the government has attributed the recent surge in exports to China to diversification of export markets in response to the impact of US tariffs, India’s overall exports to China have been on a declining trend for the past five years. India’s exports to China fell nearly 33% between 2020-21 and 2024-25, even as imports from China rose by almost 74% over the same period.

India’s exports to China have declined every year, touching an all-time low of $14.25 billion in the last financial year. In the first seven months (April-October) of FY26, exports have reached $10.03 billion. The surge in Chinese imports in 2024-25 was driven by rising demand for electronics, EV batteries, solar cells, and key industrial inputs. According to the Global Trade Research Initiative, China is India’s top supplier across all eight major industrial product categories.

Even as electronics remain one of India’s major export categories, the sector depends heavily on China for raw materials. Trade experts have consistently flagged that India’s internal manufacturing gaps and lack of deep industrial capabilities will continue to fuel dependence on Chinese imports. Manufacturing sectors like steel have repeatedly raised concerns over dumping by China and the impact of predatory pricing.

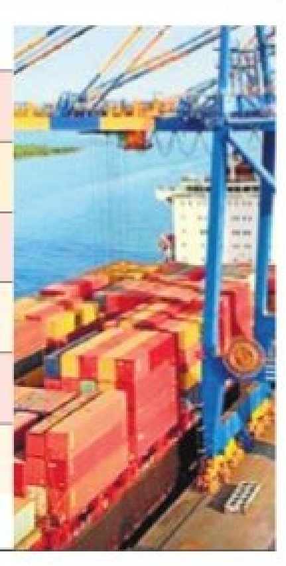
“Several Indian businesses continue to import from China because raw materials are available at far more affordable prices. Reducing imports is not that easy,” said a government official.

Even during times when exports to China rise, the trade deficit tends to expand as well. While exports grew by a little more than 4% between April and August, the deficit increased by over 15% during the same period.

To address this, the government has formed an Inter-Ministerial Panel for Import Surge Monitoring, with representation from the Department of Commerce, DGFT, Customs, and DPIIT, to keep a close watch on potential dumping by China. However, the recent relaxation of quality control orders on items such as stainless steel, textiles, and petrochemicals has triggered fresh concerns among manufacturers about the possibility of a renewed import surge.

INDIA’S TRADE WITH CHINA

YEAR	EXPORT	IMPORT	TRADE DEFICIT
Apr-Oct 25	10.03	73.99	63.96
2024-25	14.25	113.45	99.20
2023-24	16.65	101.73	85.08
2022-23	15.30	98.50	83.20
2021-22	21.25	94.57	73.32
2020-21	21.18	65.21	44.03



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INDIA’S MANUFACTURING AT A CROSSROADS

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INDIA’S manufacturing is growing on two fronts, strong gains in capital-intensive sectors and vast untapped potential in labour-intensive industries, offering a unique opportunity to shape inclusive, job-rich growth. Economic history is clear — countries that achieved rapid economic growth, from East Asia to Western Europe, did so by reallocating labour from low-productivity sectors to high-productivity ones. Manufacturing, especially labour-intensive manufacturing, has been central to this transformation. As India pursues its *Viksit Bharat* 2047 vision and moves toward middle-income status, the same structural shift becomes essential. Ultimately, India’s long-term trajectory hinges on one crucial question — can manufacturing generate broad-based, job-rich growth?

Nearly 45% of India’s workforce, or over 220 million people, remains engaged in agriculture, a sector that contributes barely 15% to GDP. To meet its development aspirations, India must facilitate large-scale movement of workers into more productive non-farm sectors, particularly manufacturing. This is not just desirable; it is foundational for achieving higher per capita income and avoiding the middle-income trap that stalled many Latin American economies.

This challenge is more urgent now because India’s demographic dividend will peak in the next decade, and global supply chains are being reshaped by geopolitical tensions, China+1 strategies, and rising labour costs in East Asia.

Uncomfortable truth

The government has recognised this imperative and has, over the past decade, pushed manufacturing through initiatives. These efforts have delivered strong results in several capital- and technology-intensive sectors, showing that when policy support, scale, and global demand align, India can build world-class manufacturing capabilities. Electronics, for instance, has experienced one of India’s most dramatic industrial transformations — production has expanded sixfold, exports eightfold, and mobile phone manufacturing has moved from near-total import dependence to a flourishing domestic industry with nearly 300 production units. Pharmaceuticals now supply about 20% of global generics and more than half the world’s vaccines, while India’s automotive industry is increasingly positioning itself for global leadership in electric mobility.

Yet beneath this momentum lies an uncomfortable truth. India’s manufacturing is advancing at two sharply different speeds. While capital-intensive industries flourish, labour-intensive sectors like textiles, apparel, leather and footwear have stagnated or even contracted. Apparel exports fell nearly 30% between 2015 and 2023, leather exports declined by roughly the same margin, and textile exports remain stuck at around $40 billion. Globally, textiles, apparel, leather and footwear together make up a market of nearly $1.5 trillion, yet India currently captures only about 2% of this demand. Meanwhile, countries like Vietnam and Bangladesh have surged ahead by streamlining logistics, attracting FDI, and aligning vocational training with export requirements. Even as overall manufacturing exports continue to gain traction and projected to cross $1 trillion by FY26 this momentum has been powered largely by capital- and technology-intensive sectors.

India has a natural comparative advantage in labour-intensive production. Its large, young workforce and deep artisanal traditions offer a foundation few countries can match. Labour-intensive manufacturing is not merely about low-value, high-volume production; it is equally about value addition and product differentiation.

Structural bottlenecks

The underperformance of labour-intensive sectors, therefore, is not just an industrial concern, it is a development challenge. These industries hold the greatest potential for mass employment, particularly for women, and are critical for raising household incomes and enabling upward mobility. Yet their growth remains constrained by structural bottlenecks. Input costs are high, and intermediate goods attract relatively elevated import tariffs, which in turn make Indian exports less competitive. Indian participation in global value chains stands at just 40.3%, far behind fast-growing exporters such as Vietnam or Malaysia. Innovation is another weak spot — India invests only 0.64% of GDP in R&D. India’s manufacturing exit rate is only 3.1%, compared with 9% in the US, indicating how difficult it is for unviable firms to shut down. Land acquisition delays, complex environmental approvals, and high compliance burdens add further friction.

Addressing these challenges requires a dual strategy. India must continue nurturing high-tech, capital-intensive sectors that are clearly emerging as global competitive strengths. At the same time, it must revive labour-intensive industries. Reviving labour-intensive manufacturing now demands clear, practical reforms. India needs to create large, well-serviced industrial clusters with true plug-and-play infrastructure so firms, especially small ones, can scale quickly instead of operating in scattered, fragmented units. Simplifying compliances, reducing the cost of formalisation, and easing access to credit and working capital will help smaller manufacturers grow and integrate into supply chains. Lowering input costs through tariff rationalisation, improving logistics efficiency, and speeding up customs and quality clearances will directly boost competitiveness. Strengthening skilling systems, improving productivity, and attracting anchor investments into these clusters can create the ecosystem needed for mass job creation.

India has shown that it can build globally competitive manufacturing capabilities. The challenge now is to ensure that this progress becomes broad-based and employment-rich.

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Indigo to enter Sensex on Dec 22

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

TATA Motors, which is among the original constituents of the Sensex, will be dropped from the BSE’s 30-share benchmark index for the second time since 1986. It will be replaced with InterGlobe Aviation, the parent company of India’s largest airline Indigo, from December 22, the BSE Index Services said on Saturday.

The exit of Tata Motors comes after the company was spun off into two separate companies — one dealing with passenger vehicles as Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles and commercial vehicles as Tata Motors. This led to the market cap getting diluted of the parent company, which has been among the oldest Sensex constituents since 1986 when the benchmark index was launched with 30 largest valued stocks.

Tata Motors follows Nestlé, which was dropped in June’s re-balancing. In a statement, BSE said the changes have been announced by BSE Index Services (formerly Asia Index) as a part of the reconstitution of its indices, effective on December 22. In the BSE 100 index, IDFC First Bank will be included, replacing Adani Green Energy . Within the BSE Sensex 50, Max Healthcare Institute will be added, and IndusInd Bank will be removed.

Meanwhile, in the BSE Sensex Next 50 Index, IndusInd Bank and IDFC First Bank will replace Max Healthcare Institute and Adani Green Energy.

NTPC concludes vigilance awareness week campaign

NTPC Limited, India’s largest integrated power utility, concluded the Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) campaign 2025 with a series of activities and outreach initiatives across its projects, offices, and regional headquarters, reiterating the organisation’s strong commitment to ethical governance. This year’s observance, themed “Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility,” formed a part of the three-month-long vigilance awareness campaign launched on August 18. NTPC stations and offices across India hosted an engaging line-up of walkathons, pledges, competitions, awareness sessions, and workshops.

Petronet LNG Limited successfully hosted investors and analysts interactive meet

Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) successfully hosted “Samvaayah” – an Investors and Analysts Interactive Meet from November 14 to 16, 2025 at Bharuch, Gujarat, along with visit to the Dahej LNG Terminal. Organised by UBS Securities India Pvt. Ltd., the three-day event served as an interactive platform for investors and analysts to engage with PLL’s leadership team. The dignitaries also visited the Dahej LNG Terminal, India’s first and largest LNG receiving and regasification facility to experience the scale and efficiency of PLL’s infrastructure. Akshay Kumar Singh, MD & CEO, PLL said, “The Company’s initiative, ‘Samvaayah’ marked a new beginning towards building an interactive platform with the investing community, who bestowed trust and encouragement throughout the glorious 27 years of Company’s journey.”

Business & Beyond

Redevelopment of Baripada station under Amrit Bharat station scheme

The Amrit Bharat Station scheme for upgrading the stations, reflects strong commitment of Indian Railways for inclusive and future-ready development. Indian Railways is not just transporting people, it is moving forward with a vision. Detailed plans are made for each station and the work is done in phases, based on what each station needs. The goal is to make stations cleaner, more comfortable, and easier to use. Altogether, 72 stations of South Eastern Railway will be developed under this scheme.

GRSE, AP Maritime Board sign MoU for future mutual progress

GRSE signed MOU with Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board (APMB) at the 30th Edition of ‘Partnership Summit 2025’, held in Visakhapatnam on November 14. This aims to foster mutual progress through collaborative initiatives in maritime infrastructure development, shipbuilding, and related sectors. The MoU outlines a framework for cooperation between GRSE and APMB to leverage each other’s strengths in enhancing maritime capabilities of setting up a greenfield shipyard. Key collaborations include the development of shipbuilding facilities, modernisation of existing infrastructure, and JVs in constructing advanced vessels.

IIM Calcutta launches 8-month course for manufacturing sector

IIM Calcutta is launching the Advanced Programme in Smart Manufacturing Leadership with VCNow Executive Education. This eight-month programme targets senior professionals, plant heads, CXOs, operations leaders and entrepreneurs who aspire to implement digital manufacturing strategies, utilising Industry 4.0 technologies to achieve operational excellence and enhance compe-titiveness. “We are committed to developing future-ready leaders. The programme is a strategic step towards empowering professionals to lead smart manufacturing revolution with vision, innovation, and techno-logical excellence”, said Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Director, IIM Calcutta.

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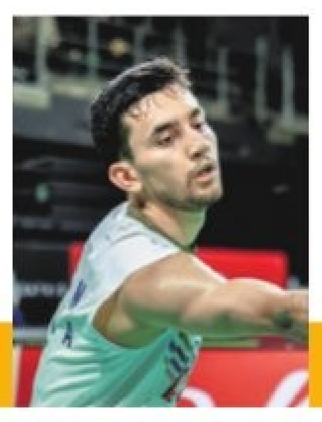
Shuttler Lakshya enters Australian Open final



Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen stormed into the men's singles final of the Australian Open Super 500 with a gritty three-game win over World No 6 Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei, here Saturday. Lakshya recovered from an opening-game setback and saved three match points in the second game to post a 17-21, 24-22, 21-16 win over Chou.

FOOTBALL A "WAY OF RESISTANCE" FOR PALESTINE U17 TEAM

CHANDRA PRABHU @Chennai

Sunday Special

AS the Palestinian U17 men's football team walked off the field at the EKA Arena in Ahmedabad after holding hosts India to a 1-1 draw in the U17 AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers, one could sense the relief and joy on their faces. For they knew what the result meant and they also knew what the sport is for them — a way of finding joy and showing resistance.

Even more so considering the fact that their road to this tournament has not been pleasant. With the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine, their grounds, in which they grew up to play the game, is now non-existent and other sporting infrastructure has come to rubble (Israel have denied any accusations of mass destruction). With several players in the team getting displaced and their lives turned upside down, they had lost their documents and identity proofs.

Assembling the players for camps and travelling for tournaments became an uphill task. The Palestinian Football Association selected 23 players for the squad of which 18 were from the West Bank (only 11 showed up) while others are Palestinians based abroad. For them, the preparation for this tournament began two months ago with a month-long camp, before setting off to Jordan for the West Asian Football Federation (WAFF)'s U17 Championship in October. They did not win any matches but the preparation continued in Maldives during a 14-day camp. "Because of the current situation, we could not bring players to train together, and our preparation was not that good," Mohammed Joma Suleiman, the team's manager, told this daily. "We cannot bring anyone from Gaza also because of the war and the genocide is happening there (Israel have repeatedly denied any and all accusations of genocide)," he added.

Palestine U17 team & support staff who are part of AFC U17 Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers

Then came a long and tiring 30-hour flight before they eventually landed in Ahmedabad for the week-long campaign. "Representing Palestine is a great honour, and we will fight to achieve our dreams and the hopes of our nation," Head coach and technical director of Palestine's youth team Mohammed Sharbaji was quoted saying by the Palestinian Football Association. Despite all these hardships, the players are ready to give it all. "We know the situation is difficult but the players take pride in what they do. (they feel) they have to do something to people in Palestine, in Gaza and everywhere," Suleiman said. Football, for the players, is "a way of resistance," Suleiman said. "They know what it means to have the Palestinian flag on their crests. They also want to showcase the Palestinian identity, and for that they work hard. Since the start, they know this is a mission and this way, they can share the happiness to Palestinian kids. Every player has something special. They have different styles of play, backed by their own talents. We wish to do something good here," the team manager added. If latest records from the Palestinian Football Association (PFA) are to go by, this could be their third competitive game of 2025.

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Over the last year or so, team think-tank has experimented more than a touch as they are yet to figure out the best method to employ in order to give them optimum results at home

India still learning how to navigate homework

India players return to the pavilion after stumps on Day 1 of the 2nd Test against SA in Guwahati on Saturday | PTI

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FOUR spinners. Three frontline pacers. Three spinners and one pace-bowling all-rounder. Typical sub-continental pitch. A black soil surface. A red soil deck where the clay content is higher. New captain. Another new captain. A couple of legends exiting stage left. A different coach and support staff having to learn everything about conditions. A batting debutant. A new opening partnership. A top-order with fresh faces.

It's fair to say that over the last 12 months and a bit, the Indian red-ball set-up have tried to adapt and learn on the fly while playing at home. They have experimented more than a touch as they are still trying to figure out the best method to employ to give them optimum results at home. They haven't generally needed to experiment over the last 10 years or so because they have had a generational spin attack, a couple of gun pacers who relentlessly targeted the stumps at speed, a settled middle-order and an opener who averaged over 66 at home in a four-year period from 2019 to the end of 2022.

R Ashwin has retired. Rohit Sharma has retired. Virat Kohli has retired. Cheteshwar Pujara has retired. Rahul Dravid and the support staff under him have gone, taking with them the acquired knowledge of what works and doesn't work in these conditions. Umesh Yadav, Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami, three seamers who contributed an awful lot in the glory years, haven't played red-ball cricket under the new management.Between all of them, that's over 20000 runs, 1200 wickets and 200 Tests.

But that's all in the past.

How do you replace some irreplaceable legends to recreate a generational home Test record? That was basically the question Gambhir had to answer at the start of this home cycle. Three matches and one into the fourth game, this management appear to still be in the middle of framing an answer that's had a couple of strikethroughs, a few caveats and a lot of ifs and buts. When the team sheets were exchanged at the toss on Day One of the second Test, the hosts once again changed their combination. After opting for four spinners at Eden Gardens, they opted for the Nitish Reddy-shaped pace bowling all-rounder for Axar Patel, the left-arm finger-spinner who was below par in the first Test. In four Tests, the hosts have already chopped and changed their combinations multiple times. This time, they reverted to the kind of combination they fielded for the visit of West Indies — two pacers, three spinners and Reddy.

When Gambhir took charge of his maiden home Test last year, there were five specialist batters, one keeper, three pacers and two spinners. The management stuck to that template for the other Test in that series but have refused to play three frontline seamers since then.

Since then, they have played at least three spinners on surfaces where turn has been copious. But they do not have a set template or preferred tracks. They have played on tracks with wildly different characteristics; In Delhi against West Indies, the strip may have well been declared dead. Against New Zealand in Mumbai last year, the red-soil surface began biting from the first session.

In Guwahati, this pitch was vastly different to the one used in Kolkata last week. Washington Sundar and Kuldeep Yadav got a few to jump but once the moisture dried, the pitch had a settled look to it. It will take turn as the match wears on but there will be nothing alarming about it, at least not on Day Two of the Test.

From a larger perspective, wins at home are of paramount importance in the World Test Championship era. But with the support staff and players still relearning the grammar, there will be teething problems. From that perspective, India will be happy that they do not play a single Test in all of 2026 (the Afghanistan Test, even if it goes ahead, is not part of WTC). Four losses in eight is a reflection of a management having to navigate some of these challenges but if they don't identify their mistakes and course correct, those teething problems may spillover.

Scoreboard

South Africa 1st innings: Markram b Bumrah 38, Rickelton c Pant b Kuldeep 35, Stubbs c Rahul b Kuldeep 49, Bavuma c Jaiswal b Jadeja 41, De Zorzi c Pant b Siraj 28, Mulder c Jaiswal b Kuldeep 13, Muthusamy batting 25, Verreynne batting 1; **Extras:** 17 (b-8, lb-7, nb-2) **Total** (in 81.5 ovs) 247/6; **FoW:** 1-82, 2-82, 3-166, 4-187, 5-210, 6-246; **Bowling:** Bumrah 17-6-38-1, Siraj 17.5-3-59-1, Nitish Kumar 4-0-21-0, Washington 14-3-36-0, Kuldeep 17-3-48-3, Jadeja 12-1-30-1.

Ryan ten Doeschate,
India's assistant coach

I think in the World Test Championship, you have to get a high percentage of your points at home. Some of the tours you go on are really tough to pick up more than 50% of the points. We know it's going to be around about 60% to qualify for that final. If you do the maths, your home series are really important. In terms of templates, in terms of the wickets you want to play on, you're always scared of drawing as well. You've got to get that balance right of preparing or playing on pitches that you think are going to give you a result, which gives you the best chance of getting the result. I think we're learning a lot about the players. Maybe the template that worked well six or seven years ago and the change in personnel, the new guys we brought in, maybe we do need to find a slightly different template. But I feel like you don't have too much time to play around. Every Test is important, every series is super important.

Kuldeep's mastery makes it an even contest on Day 1

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AT first glance, the bare basics of the scoreboard — South Africa 247/6 in 81.5 overs — tells you something about the day's play. The visitors batted first, some of them got starts but failed to convert and the Indian bowlers picked up wickets at regular intervals to restrict the visitors on a good first day deck for batting. It was, in a nutshell, an even day's play with both sides carrying enough happiness as well as regret.

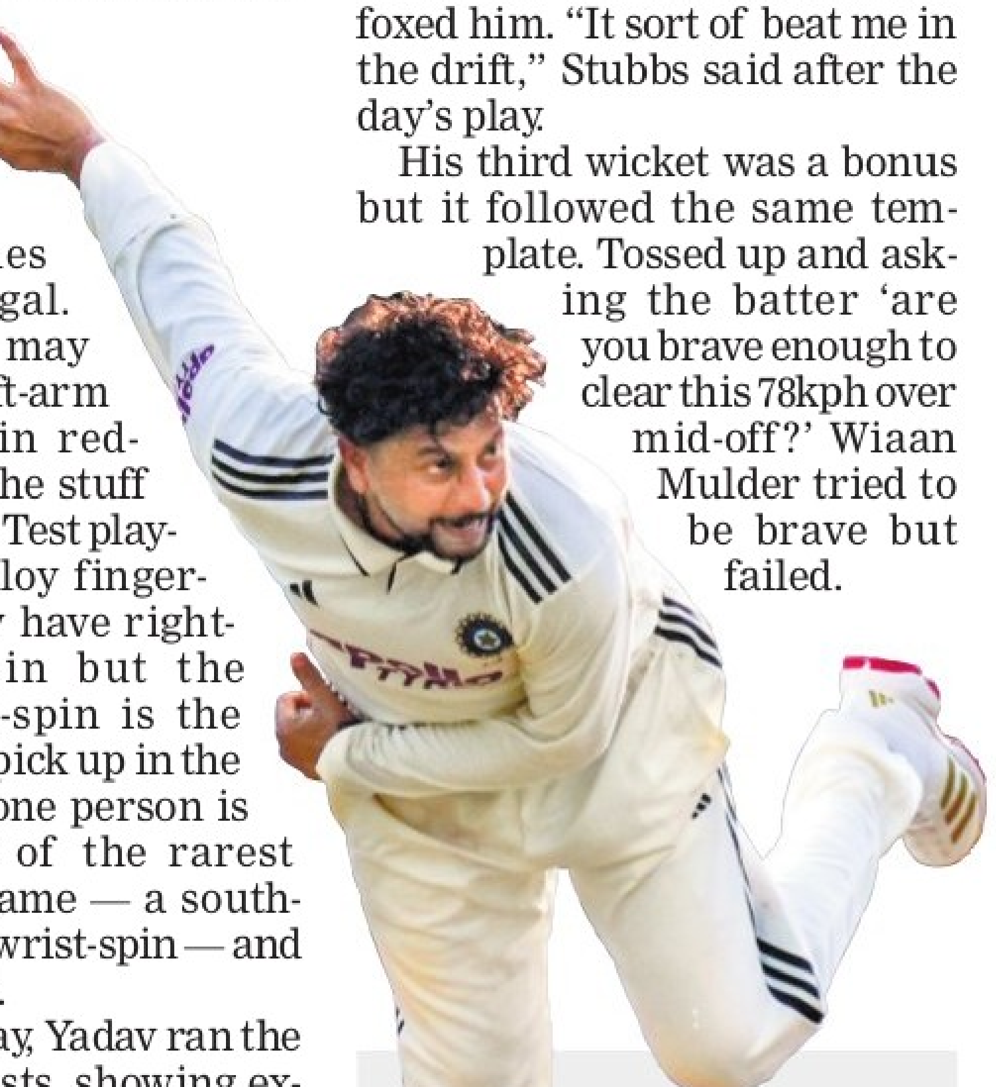
But on days like Saturday, when Guwahati became the 30th venue to host Test cricket in the country, the scoreboard doesn't even begin to tell the story of how the action unfolded. On an unhurried day of red-ball cricket where batters were rewarded for their patience and punished for impatience, one spinner stood tall to ensure the hosts had their noses in front when bad light intervened. India have so often seen their spinners run through opposition teams in these parts for well over a decade. So this is all supposed to be normal but there's still some getting used to Kuldeep Yadav's bewitching genius at work.

For one, it's cooler when a wristspinner is the one picking up wickets. When you add the prefix 'left-arm' to that, it becomes borderline illegal. That feeling is may be because a left-arm wristspinner in red-ball cricket is the stuff of unicorns. All Test playing teams employ finger-spinners, a few have right-arm wrist-spin but the left-arm wrist-spin is the hardest skill to pick up in the game because one person is marrying two of the rarest things in the game — a south-paw picking up wrist-spin — and running with it.

On the first day, Yadav ran the show for the hosts, showing exactly why he's a point of difference even when the pitch is good for batting. There was none of the exaggerated turn or the variable bounce that was on offer at Eden Gardens last week. Sure, flamboyant stroke-play wasn't easy but batters could trust the surface. Enter Yadav, introduced in the second hour of the Test by Rishabh Pant. What separates Yadav from the other spinners in this team is he's not afraid to toss the ball, give some air and eat a few boundaries if the reward at the end of it is a wicket. He's also consistently slower through the air than, say, Ravindra Jadeja (on Saturday, he dipped into the late 70 kphs and was seldom over 85 kph while the left-arm fingerspinner is seldom below 85 kph). Because of the variety he brings to the table, it's also kind of hard to sweep him (Temba Bavuma, who likes premeditating that shot, swept Jadeja but didn't even entertain that shot against Yadav). Pant, who has captained Yadav in IPL, brought him back after lunch and he rewarded him second ball with a delivery he bowled a lot of today; lot of air, some drift and a hint of turn. Ryan Rickelton nicked off.

Another delivery with some drift accounted for Stubbs for his second wicket. The No. 3, batting on 49, had made it a point to use his long levers and come down the wicket whenever possible, but the 30-year-old outfoxed him. "It sort of beat me in the drift," Stubbs said after the day's play.

His third wicket was a bonus but it followed the same template. Tossed up and asking the batter 'are you brave enough to clear this 78kph over mid-off?' Wiaan Mulder tried to be brave but failed.



Kuldeep Yadav picked up 3 wickets on Saturday | PTI

Australia's Travis Head (L) reached his century in 69 balls | AFP

Head's 69-ball ton powers Oz to victory

AGENCIES @Perth

MAKESHIFT opener Travis Head smacked an explosive 69-ball century to power Australia to victory in a high-octane first Ashes Test on Saturday as England meekly surrendered in the Perth Stadium cauldron. Chasing 205 to win, Head slammed 123 as the hosts romped home on day two by eight wickets in an electric start to the five-match series. Marnus Labuschagne was not-out 51 and Steve Smith on two.

"Wow, what a couple of days. It's been unbelievable," said Head. "The emotions are pretty high. "They (England) were seriously good out there yesterday and started to drag it back, so we knew we couldn't afford to let the game slip. To be able to contribute the way I did, it feels pretty special." Head's heroics came on the back of a blistering spell from marauding pace pair Scott Boland and Mitchell Starc after lunch that sparked a stunning England collapse.

Brief scores: England 172 & 164 (Atkinson 37, Pope 33; Boland 4/33, Doggett 3/51) lost to Australia 132 & 205/2 (Head 123, Labuschagne 51 n.o).

EXPRESS READ

Anahat pips Joshna to bag Indian Open crown

INDORE: Anahat Singh rose to the occasion, edging out Joshna Chinappa 3-2 in an exciting all-Indian women's final of the Daly College SRFI Indian Open squash here. Top seed Anahat, ranked 33rd in the world, won 11-8, 11-13, 11-9, 6-11, 11-9 in 55 minutes to clinch her 13th PSA title. Joshna used all her experience to make it a thrilling affair but it was not quite enough.

C'ship leader Norris claims Las Vegas pole

LAS VEGAS: Lando Norris maintained his charge towards a maiden Formula One crown on Friday by grabbing his third pole position in as many races at the Las Vegas Grand Prix. The British McLaren driver clocked a fastest time of one minute 47.934 seconds. Red Bull's reigning world champion Max Verstappen was second fastest in 1min 48.257sec with Williams' Carlos Sainz third.

FIDE relaxes dress code for Doha event

NEW DELHI: The International Chess Federation (FIDE) has announced a significantly relaxed dress code for next month's World Rapid and Blitz Championships in Doha, "allowing classic non-distressed jeans for both men and women", a year after the 'jeansgate' storm involving Magnus Carlsen at the same event. The Doha event will be held from December 25 to 30.

Finalists to be decided via tiebreak after draws

AGENCIES @Panaji

IT turned out to be another dull day for the chess buffs as Wei Yang of China and Javokhir Sindarov of Uzbekistan decided not to take risks against their respective opponents to settle for effortless draws in the second game of the semifinals at the FIDE World Cup here.

Wei Yi, with white pieces, tried his bit against a dignified Andrey Esipenko of Russia but no matter what he did, the impregnable Petroff had its final say in the game played under classical time control.

The fact of the matter from the perspective of the Chinese was that he tried hard to follow a normal situation but there was no way he could conquer.

In the other semifinal, the second game between GM Nodirbek Yakubboev and GM Javokhir Sindarov went the same way as the first as both the players were happy to play solid and safe chess till the mandatory 30 move threshold before agreeing for a draw.

Nodirbek Yakubboev during his game on Saturday | MICHAL WALUSZA/FIDE

Results: Andrey Esipenko (FIDE) drew with Wei Yi (CHN) (1:1 aggregate); Javokhir Sindarov (UZB) drew with GM Nodirbek Yakubboev (UZB) (1:1 aggregate).

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Liverpool in dire straits after Forest defeat

AGENCIES @London

LIVERPOOL'S Premier League title defense lurched deeper into crisis on Saturday — losing 3-0 at home to Nottingham Forest. A sixth defeat of the campaign left last season's runaway champions 11th in the standings and eight points behind leaders Arsenal, having played a game more.

Goals from Murillo, Nicolo Savona and Morgan Gibbs-White at Anfield consigned Liverpool to a fifth defeat from their last six games in England's top flight. To put that into context, Arne Slot's team only lost four over the entire season last term when winning a record-equaling 20th title.

Earlier, Chelsea stepped up their title challenge with a gritty 2-0 win against struggling Burnley. Pedro Neto put the Blues ahead just before the interval at Turf Moor and Enzo Fernandez netted in the closing stages. Enzo Maresca's side sit three points behind Arsenal, who host Tottenham on Sunday. Fourth-bottom Burnley have now lost five of their last seven league matches. Chelsea were without Cole Palmer after the England forward extended his prolonged injury absence by fracturing his toe after stubbing it into a door.

Forest's Murillo (C) celebrates scoring the team's first goal on Saturday | AFP

Results: Burnley **0-1** Chelsea; Liverpool **0-3** Nottm Forest; Bournemouth **2-2** West Ham; Brighton **2-1** Brentford; Fulham **1-0** Sunderland; Wolves **0-2** Palace.

La Liga: Barca win 4-0

BARCELONA: Barcelona made a triumphant return to the rebuilt Camp Nou stadium after 2.5 years with a 4-0 victory over Athletic Bilbao on Saturday. Ferran Torres netted a brace after Robert Lewandowski opened the scoring. Fermin Lopez also scored in Barcelona's big win.

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